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Ceremony recalls 1861 Kansas treaty signing

A November 5, 2011 celebration in Topeka, Kansas marked the 150th anniversary of the signing of the 1861 treaty between the then-Mission Band of Potawatomi Indians and the U.S. government. The treaty created the path for members of the then-Mission Band of Potawatomi Indians, who had lived in Kansas, since 1838, to become citizens of the United States.

The treaty's creating that path was the impetus for changing the tribe's name to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians. The Nation assumed its current appellation in 1995.

The anniversary commemoration featured presentations by several Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials and by some Kansas officials. Jon Boursaw, a Topeka resident and retired director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, and Kelli Mosteller, current CHC director, spoke at the event at the site of the Potawatomi Mission on the grounds of the Kansas Historical Society, 6425 S.W. 6th Avenue. Rep. Theresa Adame, a member of the CPN legislature and a Topeka resident, also spoke.



CPN member and fifth-generation Kansan Jon Boursaw speaks during the Topeka, Kansas ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's 1861 treaty with the United States.

Boursaw offered a history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Mosteller discussed the 1861 treaty and the Potawatomis' life on the reservation in Kansas. Adame, the Fourth District representative to the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation legislature, provided an overview of the CPN's current-day government and enterprises.

Mosteller explained that the 1861 treaty created a path to U.S. citizenship for members of what was renamed the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians. She said explained how the treaty was important for the Citizen Potawatomis' future and how the tribe's leaders of the late 1800s used its language to improve the location and size of plots of land available to Citizen Potawatomi members through allotment after they moved to Indian Territory.

Rep. Adame gave attendees a look at the Citizen Potawatomis' tremendous governmental entrepreneurial strides of the past decade and led them through a tour of the Nation's rapidly expanding set of enter-

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Wanda Eileen St. Louis



Wanda Eileen St. Louis, 85, passed away on Friday, October 14, 2011 at her home in Topeka. She was born on June 8, 1926 at Rossville, Kansas, the daughter of the late Walter and Ida Lorraine 'Rena' Marney Patton.

Eileen grew up in the Rossville community and attended Rossville schools. She worked as a bookkeeper for Bauersfeld's IGA and later for Sutton's Grocery in North

Topeka until she retired. Eileen was a member of the Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church in Topeka. She also was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

She loved her family and considered their welfare her most important concern.

On February 2, 1968, she was united in marriage with Charles L. 'Chuck' St. Louis. He preceded her in death on November 30, 2008. Mrs. St. Louis was also preceded in death by her brothers Osto, Kermit, and Cleo 'Pete' Patton; and her sisters, Donic Parr, Juanita Foresman, A. Hope Meade, and Nora Dell Foresman.

Survivors include her sons, James W. Lemon of El Dorado, Arkansas, Joel Robert Lemon of Topeka, Charles L. St. Louis Jr. of Mililani, Hawai'i, and Jerrol O. Lemon of Topeka; a daughter, Jennifer Comstock of Topeka and her husband Bill; grandsons Jason O. Lemon, Cody St. Louis, and Connor St. Louis; granddaughters, Melissa A. Comstock, Lauri L. Comstock, Susan L. (Lemon) Tolin, Candice (Lemon) Pritchard, and Nicole St. Louis; and six great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in

Rossville. Interment was in the Rossville Cemetery.

Mrs. St. Louis lay in state and the family received friends after 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at Piper Funeral Chapel in Rossville, where there was a rosary recited at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church Building Fund and sent in care of Piper Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 642, Rossville, KS 66533. Online condolences may be sent to www.piperfuneralhome.com.

Darlene June Clayton



Darlene June Clayton, 67, passed away on August 17, 2011 while residing in Port Isabel, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband William 'Bill' Clayton and her father Joe A. Holeman. Darlene is survived by her mother, Ione S. Holeman; and her sister Jan Kell and her husband Gary; her three brothers Joe Holeman and his wife Carol, Tommy Holeman and his wife Gini, and Larry Holeman; her son Damion Clayton; two grandchildren; four aunts and uncles; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Darlene was born in Bristow, Oklahoma on March 5, 1944, the daughter of Joe and Ione Holeman. The family moved to Sugar City, Colorado in 1950. Four years later, they moved to Denver, Colorado. Darlene graduated from Lincoln High school in

1962 and attended Colorado State University for one year and worked as a photographer for "Pixey Pin-Ups." Darlene moved to California in 1964, living in Venice, Santa Monica, and Northridge until 2008.

After the death of Danny Coleman, her second husband, Darlene returned to Denver for two years to go to college. She returned to California after receiving an Associate's Degree in Humanities with a minor in Drug and Alcohol Abuse from Metropolitan State College.

Darlene was the Executive Director of the "1736 project" in Hermosa Beach. She then worked for the Indian Centers in Los Angeles as the Contracts Officer, in charge of fundraising and writing grants. After she and Bill married, they became real estate agents. They later opened their own realty agency, working as brokers for more than 75 agents.

Three years after Bill's death, Darlene moved to Port Isabel with her loving dog Nicki. Darlene loved living in Post Isabel. She made many close friends and became very involved in the Long Island Village Home Owners Association. Darlene, and others, started an online information blog, "The Village Voice," to keep all owners involved in Long Island Village. They believed that the more information the owners had, the better decisions could be made for all owners. She was also very involved in the Golf Course Beautification Project for Long Island Village.

Celebrations of life for Darlene were held in the mountains outside Denver and in Port Isabel. Many friends and family will miss her greatly. They will always remember her for the impact she had on their lives.

Darlene's Potawatomi ancestors were her father, Joe Holeman; her grandmother Josetta Stephens Holeman; her great-grandmother, Katie Yott Stephens; the Vieuxes; and Mah-tee-nose.

Pearl K. Rose

Graveside services for Pearl K. Rose, 82, of Purcell Oklahoma were held on October 22, 2011 at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home of Purcell. Mrs. Rose

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passed away on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at Sunset Estates Nursing Home.

Pearl Katherine Wellinghoff was born on October 6, 1929 in Purcell, the youngest of three children born to John G. Wellinghoff and Beulah (Weld) Wellinghoff. She was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell schools, graduating in 1947.

She met the love of her life, a young man named Carl Melvin Rose. They were married on July 24, 1947 in Purcell. They moved to Kansas and made their home in Hugoton and later Garden City. In 1955, they moved to Hobbs, New Mexico, and later on to Carlsbad, New Mexico. They returned home to Purcell in December of 1970.

Pearl worked as a waitress for the Castle-rock Café and later Ruby's Inn and Restaurant. She retired after more than 20 years of service. She was a wonderful wife and mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She enjoyed a good book and she loved her church home, the First Baptist Church in Purcell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Rose; parents, John and Beulah Wellinghoff; brother, John Henry Wellinghoff; and sister, Mary Darvin.

Pearl leaves behind her son, Dennis L. Rose and his wife Julie of Oklahoma City; daughters, Carol M. Herron and her husband Jerry of Noble, Oklahoma, Patty Beaver and her husband Melvin of Purcell, and Dianne L. Johnson of Purcell; seven grandchildren, Teresa, Chad, Christie, Cory, Clinton, Derek, and Devin; 11 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Jessica, Christopher, Lauren, Ethan, Colton, Payton, Bailey, Brody, Blake, and Landon; three cousins; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other family members and friends.

Hanley Leon 'Popie' Cross

Hanley Leon 'Popie' Cross, 85, longtime Bowlegs, Oklahoma resident died, on Thursday, October 27, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Leon was born on July 31, 1926 in Wewoka, Oklahoma to Louis and Maggie (Vinson) Cross.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 59 years, 6 months, and 23 days, Bernice Cross of the home. They were married on April 4, 1952 in Bowlegs. Additionally, he is survived by his children: daughters, Sharon Tate of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Dawn Smith and her husband Dale of Seminole, Oklahoma, grandchil-



dren, Jason and his wife Brandy Cross of Seminole, David, Douglas, and Devon "his Huck" Smith of Seminole; and great-grandchild Dylan Cross of Seminole. His sister Beverly Rybolt of Lubbock, Texas also survives him.

Leon was preceded in death by his son and best hunting buddy David Cross and granddaughter Jade Nicole Cross.

Leon retired from his welding company, Leon's Welding Service, in 1992. Leon served his community in many ways, he was a member of the Seminole Masonic Lodge #476 serving since June 21, 1956, as a 32nd Degree Mason, a level he achieved in 1965, and serving as Worshipful Master in 1968. Leon received his 50-year Masonic pin in 2006. In his life, Leon touched the lives of many children by serving as their Scout Master in the Boy Scouts of America and later in life teaching archery classes to the youth at the Potawatomi tribal festivals. People would always comment on what a good "storyteller" he was.

Leon was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was active in the tribe, teaching bow-and-arrow-making classes, starting a drum group, and learning to speak the Potawatomi language fluently.

In 2009, surrounded by friends and relatives, Leon received his traditional Potawatomi name "Wagishek," which means "Bright Sky."

In 2010, Leon was honored at the AARP Indian Elder Honors banquet held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City for his tireless work with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Leon loved all the children who came into the Cross home; no matter what their age, they were always welcome. His grandchildren, were the light of his life, no matter what the request, none was too great.

Though Leon accomplished many things in his lifetime, his most important achievement was his beloved family. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. Leon was above all "A Family Man," who always put his family first, above all.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the Bowlegs Assembly of God Church in Bowlegs, Oklahoma with Rev. Roy Robertson officiating. Burial with tribal rites followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in Seminole.

Casket bearers were Gary Mainord, Gayland Lindemann, Bobby Northcott, Stacy Northcott, Steve Clayborn, Steve Robertson, Allen Harvey, and Jeff Cavatt. Honorary bearers were Charles Short, Gene Houck, Bill Kreeger, Joe Don Jones, Gene Estes, Darrel Blanchard, Bill Snider, Terry Winters, Danny Bowlan, Bill Brown, and Sonny Harjo.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole. Messages of condolences can be sent to the family online at www.swearingenfuneral-home.com.

Jana Bray



Jana Bray, 67, passed away on Monday, August 29, 2011 at her home in Kingsburg, California. She was born on June 2, 1944 in Sanger, California.

She worked as a fruit inspector for USDA, and also loved working for Kingsburg Community Assistance Program (KCAPS).

She is survived by her husband, Mark Bray Sr.; two sons, Mark Bray Jr. and Jeff Bray and his wife Lori; and five grandchil-

dren Ashley, Tyler, Benton, Austin, and Jacob.

A memorial service was held at the Kingsburg First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to KCAPS, 1139 Draper Street, Kingsburg CA 93631.

Randall Holt Craig



Randall Holt Craig died on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Memorial services were held at Hope Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 18th at 3:00 p.m., the Rev. Holly Hoppe officiating. Interment of cremains was at Hope Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden.

Randall Holt Craig was born on June 22, 1937 in Maud, Oklahoma, the son of proud parents Paul Bryant Craig and Alma "Neto" Larue Holt Craig. He was an American Indian through his mother's lineage and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was an only child and spent his young life in Maud with his family, cousins, grandparents, aunts, and uncles until his father, Paul, decided to go out west to Muleshoe, Texas in 1947.

Randall graduated from Muleshoe High in 1955 and attended Texas Tech University. He joined the National Guard in 1955 and served until just after the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961 as a Specialist 4th Class. During that time, he met Genell Preston, and they married in 1956.

The Craigs moved to Dimmitt, Texas in 1959, and farmed there for several years. Their son, Rodney Dale, was born in January 1960, and daughter Deidre Suzanne was

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born in August, 1963.

Randall was the office manager for Gifford Hill Pipe Co., then became manager of Hi-Plains Savings and Loan Assn. in Dimmitt. He purchased Joe Cowan's insurance agency in 1977 and renamed it Craig Agency. At that time, he also owned Craig Real Estate and Craig Used Cars.

Randall and Genell divorced in 1980; then, he married Joan Alice Braafladt Thrasher on July 3, 1982. He sold the Agency shortly afterward. Next, he owned The Family Fun Center, with locations in Dimmitt and Friona, Texas.

Randall and Joan Alice had a son, Paul Louis, born in July 1983 and then moved to Austin, Texas in 1984 with his stepchildren, Charles Avery "Chip" Thrasher, born in June 1973, and Phillip Lee Thrasher, born in March 1976.

While in Austin, Randall's endeavors included real estate, life insurance, used cars, and managing savings and loan institutions in Jonestown and Harker Heights, Texas. Additionally, he owned Ranco Roofing Company and was an independent insurance adjuster. These pursuits led him to travel coast to coast - Illinois to Kansas and all through Texas - as he helped people get back to where they were before they experienced catastrophes. Finally, he owned Craig Mortgage Company.

While in Dimmitt, he was associated with the Kiwanis Club for 15 years, earning his 10-year perfect attendance ruby pin and being acknowledged at the International Kiwanis meeting in Montreal Canada for starting five new clubs the year he was president.

He was also very involved with the Key Club at Dimmitt High School. His son Rodney was president, and they took the club members to a Dallas convention, giving some of the boys their first plane ride.

He was President of the American Heart Association, a member of the Independent Insurance Agents Association, a board member of The Castro County Country Club, and a member of the Church of Christ.

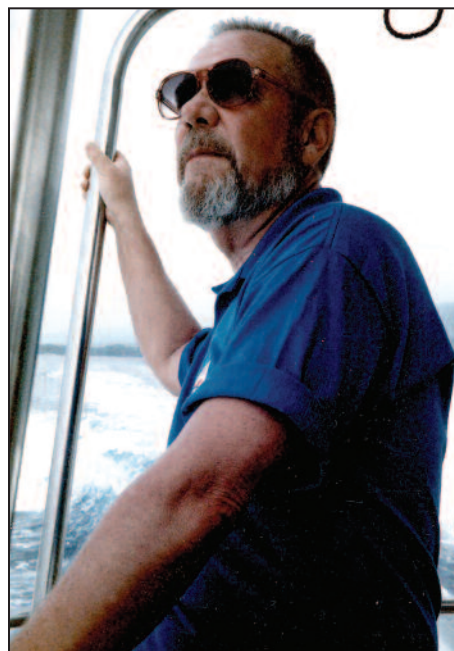
He considered himself a "Peacemaker" as was his tribe - the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the "People of the Fire." Yet, he could get on the warpath as needed. He was proper, righteous, and principled. He had a great sense of reading people, and never met a stranger. His sense of humor was

sharp and witty throughout his life and to the end. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a big smile on his face. He enjoyed life. He was a loving father to "all his boys" and his daughter. He was a generous man. He enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, racing, dancing, and an occasional Scotch and 7. He dearly loved his family, his cars, his boat, his dogs, Sinbad the cat, and his God. He always prayed for wisdom and good health.

Survivors include his wife, Joan A. Craig of Leander, Texas; his children, Rodney Craig and wife Shelly Bergman of Oklahoma City, Deidre and husband Steve Henderson of Irmo, South Carolina, and their children Kirsten and Eric., Chip Thrasher and his wife Alli of Lubbock, Texas and their daughter Madeline Scout, Phil Thrasher and Geneva and son Derik of Amarillo, Texas, and Paul Craig of Leander.

The family respectfully requests that donations be made to Michael J. Fox for Parkinson's Research, the American Heart Association, or Hope Presbyterian Church's Generation to Generation Fund, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin, TX 78750.

Bobbie Eugene Smith



On November 12, 2011 Bob Smith, 77, passed from this life at a local hospital. The cause of death was lung cancer. His wishes were to be cremated and to have his ashes spread outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Hyale Smith, and four children, Constance Smith Redgrave, Kennedy Smith Barnett, David Smith, and Mark Smith.

His parents were John (1902-1982) and Martha Loutitia (Stewart) Smith (1904-1976). John, a non-native, was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He married Martha (Tish) in 1922. They had five children: Irene (1923-2008), Neal (1925-1997), Hattie Pearl (1927-1991), Arnold (1929-1991), and Bob (1933-2011).

Martha was descended from Harriet Bostick McEvers Stewart (1869-1934), Mary Hardin Bostick Riley Beaubien (1845-1916), Therese LaFromboise Hardin Watkins Beaubien (1823-1914), and Chief Joseph LaFromboise (?-1867).

Bob was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. His parents had moved there from Little Axe, Oklahoma in the 1930s.

In 1950 at 16 years old, Bob had enough credits to skip the 12th grade and volunteer for the U.S Army with the 82nd Airborne Paratroopers. His Ranger group was assigned to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Bapu, Japan.

His first taste of Korea was a night jump out of an airplane at 500 feet with a hail of bullets whizzing past him and lighting up the nighttime sky as he landed. Bob narrowly survived a bayonet wound inflicted as soon as he hit the ground from the flight jump.

When General Douglas MacArthur's troops landed at Inchon, their mission was to stop the North Koreans from escaping from the area around Seoul, South Korea and returning to North Korea. Bob's unit's specific job was to block the North Koreans from entering Seoul. As a Flanker Guard, Bob walked by himself on the outside of patrols at night in order to guard the flanks and make sure they were not attacked from the sides by the North Koreans.

Bob served his country honorably and was discharged from the military in 1953.

From that time until 1970, he worked in a variety of industries: construction, truck driver, locksmith, manager of gyms, Superintendent of Maintenance and Grounds for the UCLA campus, and later for all nine campuses of the University of California system.

In 1969, he met his second wife, Hyale, while they were both working for the University of California. They were married on

October 23, 1971. During their 40 years of marriage, they traveled extensively throughout the United States and took several cruises to the Caribbean, Mexico, and Alaska.

Bob became a counselor in Oregon and had a private practice in which he helped literally thousands of clients. His focus was on alcohol and drugs, and he worked closely with the courts and the corrections department. He dedicated his life to helping others make decisions about their lives, whether it concerned substance abuse, relationships, or other issues.

He retired in 1993 and came to Oklahoma for his first visit to the CPN tribal headquarters. He and his wife were welcomed and treated like family by the Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps. In 2000, Bob and Hyale moved to the Shawnee area from Tucson, Arizona.

Bob was an avid golfer and was able to play until shortly after he had been diagnosed with lung cancer. He also enjoyed working out almost every day at the YMCA.

It was only 32 days from the time he was diagnosed with cancer until he died. He passed away peacefully while he was sleeping.

Justin Neely, CPN Language Program Director, named Bob Smith several years ago. His Potawatomi name is Giwe Pesh Kno, which means Bald Eagle Coming Home. He came home, first to Shawnee, then on November 12, 2011, to his heavenly home.

A Memorial Service was held on tribal grounds on Saturday December 10, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. CST. Justin Neely presided. If you would like more information on the service or would like to sign the online guest book, you can go to www.caring-bridge.org/visit/bobsmith6

Instead of flowers, you may send donations to The Bob Smith Scholarship Fund, Shawnee Y, 700 W. Saratoga, Shawnee OK 74804. The money will be managed by the Shawnee YMCA and will be used to help fund scholarships for elders' programs and their membership fees.

During his lifetime, Bob touched the lives of many people. He will be greatly missed.

Dokmeze. (He is at peace.)

Opal Sullivan



Opal Sullivan, 95 of Bethel Acres, Oklahoma went to her heavenly home on December 5, 2011 at Peachtree Hospice in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Opal was a homemaker and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She worked at Sylvania for 12 years.

She was married to the love of her life, Ray Sullivan, for more than 60 years. Together they had three children; daughter Joyce Abel (husband Paul), of Bethel Acres; son Larry Sullivan (wife Nancy) of Bethel Acres; and daughter, Sherri McCorkle (husband Dub) of Greenwood, Arkansas.

They were blessed with 12 grandchildren, Paula Abel, David Abel (wife Tina), Michael Abel, Quint Sullivan (wife Wanda), Tracey Beals (husband Leroy), Bridgett Stobbe, Travis Sullivan (wife Misty), Jennifer Cox (husband David), Todd McCorkle (wife Tres), Shelli Baldwin (husband Jeb), Kimberly McCorkle, and Cody McCorkle (wife Bethany), along with 30 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Opal was born on September 26, 1916 in Dale, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wade and Ida Bourbonnais; husband, Ray Sullivan; daughter, Joyce Abel; and sister, Frankie Allison.

Opal was a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She was very proud of her Native American heritage. Opal was a lifelong member of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Shawnee. During her childhood, she attended Sacred Heart boarding school in Konawa, Oklahoma.

Opal lived everyday to the fullest. She

was a strong woman who worked very hard and loved with all her heart. The family would like to thank Peachtree Hospice of Fort Smith for their love, care, and support.

A funeral mass was observed at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011 at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Father Donald Wolf officiating. Burial followed in Tecumseh Cemetery.

Dean Victor Nadeau



Dean Victor Nadeau, age 87, died on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro. Mr. Nadeau is son of the late Joseph Frank and Glorvana Quinett Nadeau. He was also preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Marie Wyskup Nadeau, who died in 2002.

Mr. Nadeau was a Native American of the Citizen Potawatomi Indian Nation, born and raised in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was a flight engineer on the B24 Liberator, stationed in Europe, and flew 24 combat missions over Germany in WWII. Mr. Nadeau served in the US Air Corp and retired Master Sergeant after 24 years service in the US Air Force. He served in WWII and the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. After retirement, he raised his family and resided in Murfreesboro for more than 30 years. He also raised his beloved quarter horses and limousine cattle.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m.

on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at Woodfin Funeral Chapel, Murfreesboro. Pastor Ted Beaty officiated. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Family members and friends served as pallbearers.

Mr. Nadeau is survived by his daughters Diane Forbes of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Denise Boyce of Murfreesboro, Donna Nadeau of New York, New York and her partner Ralph Loffredo, Dede Williams of Murfreesboro, Deanna Nadeau her husband Troy Cary of Murfreesboro; sons David Nadeau and his partner Martha Megredy of Kentucky, and Doug Nadeau and his wife Tonia of Christiana, Tennessee; a brother, James Nadeau of Shawnee; a sister Rita Oravitz and her husband Don of Shawnee; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation was from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12 and from 12:00 p.m. until time of service on Tuesday at Woodfin Funeral Chapel, Murfreesboro. Memorials may be made to Shelbyville Bedford County Humane Society in memory of Mr. Nadeau.

Online condolences can be made at www.woodfinchapel.com.

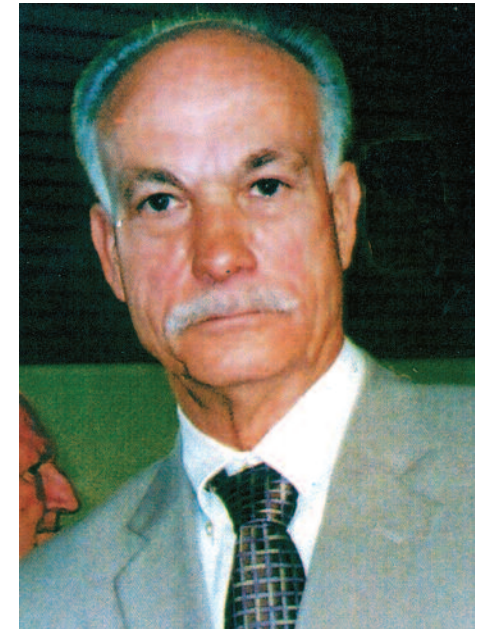
James Earl Savory

James Earl Savory, 'Jim' as we all knew him, was born on August 1, 1944 and passed from this life on November 24, 2011. Born in Edmond, Oklahoma, Jim spent the majority of his life living within Oklahoma. As a young boy, Jim's family moved frequently, contributing to his great ability to make friends everywhere he went.

Jim worked in many areas of the home improvement and home remodeling profession, including everything from masonry work to carpet cleaning. He truly enjoyed fixing things and helping others with his God-given handyman talent.

While home improvement provided him a living, his real love was creating Indian art work. His most recent art included hand-made hatchets and knives. Jim enjoyed gardening and loved the outdoors. He especially loved fishing and doing home improvement projects with his son James Eric Savory.

Jim met the love of his life, Kerstine Savory, in 1997. They were married on September 15, 2005. Jim told many friends in the last two months he "had no problem going to Heaven, he just hated to leave Ker-



stine."

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Sparks and Warren Ben Savory; sister Benita M. Savory; and brother Lawrence Savory.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Kerstine Savory of the home; son and daughter-in-law Eric and Stephanie Savory of Luther, Oklahoma; brother W. Dale Savory and his wife Carol of Guthrie, Oklahoma, brother Mike Savory and his wife Mary Beth of Guthrie; brother Charles Patrick Savory, of Edmond; sister Debra Ann Peoples of Guthrie; brother David Eugene Savory of Missouri; brother Larry Savory of Edmond; loving in-laws Ursel and Gerhard Winter, of Bremerhaven, Germany; brother-in-law Frank Winter of Bremerhaven; three grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.

Donations may be made to the Integris Hospice House at 13920 Quailbrook Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134 in memory of James Earl Savory.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at Matthews Funeral Home Chapel in Edmond.

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Mark McBride is Moore homebuilder

CPN member announces Oklahoma legislative campaign

Moore businessman and political newcomer Mark McBride, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Oklahoma House of Representatives in District 53, the seat now held by controversial legislator Randy Terrill. A lifelong Republican, McBride said he made the decision after spending the summer and early fall making calls and visiting with folks throughout the district. "I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support I am receiving daily about my campaign," McBride said.

"I believe I understand the issues that concern the people in my district and I know that I hold the same conservative values as the vast majority of the people in our area. I know the value of hard work and the importance of standing for godly values and honest leadership in government," McBride stated. "If elected, I am confident I can be a strong, positive voice for the Moore community. I will bring both conservative values and honest business sense to the legislature in representing the citizens of Moore," he said.

"Given the opportunity, I will go to the State Capitol and work hard for the things we need in our district. I want to continue to help reduce the size of the state government bureaucracy, support and strengthen our local schools, promote economic development, create more jobs, and lower the tax burden on our citizens. I am staunchly pro-life and a strong advocate of Second Amendment rights," McBride said.

He is the owner of two successful Moore businesses – McBride Construction and Roofing and McBride Homes. Among his civic and community activities, he is a member of the Moore and South Oklahoma City Chambers of Commerce as well as the Central Oklahoma Homebuilders Association, the National Homebuilders Association, the National Federation of Independent Business, the National Rifle Association, and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

McBride, 50, is a fifth-generation Oklahoman. The McBride family has called Moore home since the 1940s. He graduated from Moore High School in 1979, where he was active in Future Farmers of America, serving his junior and senior years as vice



Mark McBride

president. McBride attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University before going into farming and ranching operations that he managed for several years. He also worked in the western Oklahoma oil fields for a brief time.

McBride's wife, Alana, was an instructor at Moore Norman Technology Center before suffering a serious stroke three years ago that left her partially paralyzed. They have three grown daughters, two grown sons, and four grandchildren; another son was killed in an automobile accident when he was 21.

The McBrides are active members of First Baptist Church in Moore. McBride has been involved in several areas of veterinary, agriculture, and humanitarian assistance. Providing this assistance has taken him to places accessible only by mule, boat, and helicopter.

Since 2003, Mark McBride has organized, consulted on, and led projects in the mountains of Nicaragua, war-torn Bosnia, and to the nomadic tribes of southwest Ethiopia, along the Sudan border. He believes that these projects have shown him how blessed he is to be an Oklahoman, and he now feels called to serve the citizens of Oklahoma's House District 53.

The Moore resident said he was struck by the poor conditions of the cattle, horses, dogs, and other animals in the Central American villages. "They had saddle sores, open wounds and bat bites," he said. "Many of them were covered in ticks." Others were



Above, Mark McBride is surrounded by children and young men from an Ethiopian village. Below, a moment captured on one of McBride's Ethiopian trips illustrates the importance of the Ethiopians' animals. The bottom photo shows the layout of an Ethiopian village McBride visited, with its cattle pens surrounding the villagers' homes.

plagued by swarms of huge flies.

Vaccines for such ills as rabies and tetanus, which many American pet owners can gain access to quite easily, are nonexistent in areas where the people struggle just to eat and live off their small farms.

The economy of the rural villages where McBride and the he has joined teams have worked is based largely on the small farm operations. The lack of mechanical equipment makes horses and mules a necessity.

The opportunities for Christian outreach to the village people were numerous as word spread of the veterinary help available.

The more prominent men in the community are much more likely to seek out veterinary services for their animals than they are to see a doctor for their own personal medical care. "Thus, the veterinary clinic has the opportunity to share the message of Christ with a segment of the population who would not otherwise get involved with the mission outreach efforts.

McBride said people who administer the vaccine and other aid to animals get to share their message of hope with animals' owners. For many of the owners, their animals' health is directly tied to their livelihood. "I saw how it (the mission veterinary clinic) reached the influential men of those villages," McBride said. "After they came bringing their animals, they started coming to church by the end of the week."



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Earthquake damages historic St. Gregory's University building**Capital Campaign to Support Benedictine Hall Restoration**

A capital campaign has been organized to support restoration of St. Gregory's University's Benedictine Hall, which was severely damaged by the magnitude 5.6 earthquake that hit Oklahoma on November 5. The university has received an outpouring of concern from friends and alumni from across the country after widespread national media coverage.

Benedictine Hall remains closed until it can be safely secured. One turret collapsed. The other three were badly damaged and are in danger of falling. A hole in the building's roof has been covered pending further repairs. A 4.7-magnitude earthquake on Monday night, November 7, 2011 did no further structural damage.

University officials plan to use a crane contractor to remove the remaining three turrets. Early estimates indicate the contractor will begin work late this week or early next week. Additional assessments are underway. While costs are expected to be significant, the exact financial impact won't be known for at least a few weeks.

Daytime classes resumed on Tuesday, November 8 in various locations on campus. Administrative offices also have been relocated to various campus locations. The Vatican-sponsored Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit has been moved to St. Benedict Church in Shawnee.

Benedictine Hall, built in 1915 and subsequently renovated, has been designated a national historic landmark. It contains the administrative and faculty offices plus classrooms, science laboratories, computer laboratories, the campus mailroom, and the James J. Kelly Library, which contains more than 50,000 bound volumes.

St. Gregory's University, the oldest institution of higher learning in Oklahoma and the only Catholic university in the state, serves approximately 700 students in two colleges – the College of Arts and Sciences and the College for Working Adults. Sgt overall mission is to promote education of



Shot from a vantage point southwest of Benedictine Hall on Sunday, November 13, 2011, these photographs show the extent of earth quake damage the historic building, constructed in 1915, sustained. One roof turret is missing, and the other three have extensive damage that will require their removal.



the whole person in the context of a Christian community in which students are encouraged to develop a love of learning and to live lives of balance, generosity, and integrity. The university's main campus is located in Shawnee, a city with a population of nearly 30,000. It is located 35 miles from Oklahoma City, 100 miles from Tulsa, and 205 miles from Dallas.

FireLodge Tribal Youth Program

These members of the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program attended the UNITY conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July 2011.

The FireLodge Tribal Youth Program (FTYP) has embarked on another year of service at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The program is very active in the surrounding community and looks forward to expanding its services every year, to reach more tribal members. Currently, the youth program is serving an average of 1,500 youth each year through various means.

These include tutoring programs at Tecumseh High School two days a week and an in-school program at Dale Middle School one day a week, addressing important life-development skills. Outside the public school system, the FTYP also provides two summer day camps for middle-school- and high-school-aged youth, as well as biannual parenting education and support opportunities. The FireLodge Youth Council also continues to meet monthly, and more detail about their status is shared below.

Some new ventures planned for this year will include the Tribal Youth Program sponsoring another art contest this school year. After last year's successful contest to raise awareness of methamphetamine use and suicide, we have decided this year to focus on an anti-bullying/pro-tolerance campaign. The contest is open to any tribal youth ages 12-19.

This year, we will expand the categories to include video presentations and musical creations that follow the theme. Be thinking about your ideas, and keep an eye out for further information!

In addition, this year there will be a special focus on planning for the future of the Tribal Youth Program. The Tribal Youth Advisory Board, which meets quarterly, will engage in additional strategic planning and begin gathering community input to tai-

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Pizza, pastas highlight true-to-Italian tradition menu

San Remo's Pizzeria debuts to positive response

(Citizen Potawatomi Nation) – Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials and San Remo's Pizzeria owner Lazzi Mustafi have announced that the San Remo's quality and affordable prices returned to the restaurant scene in Shawnee on Monday, December 12. The San Remo's Restaurant was a casualty when the FireLake Golf Course clubhouse was destroyed by fire on January 31, 2011.

The new San Remo's Pizzeria is located in the under-the-canopy space on the north side of the state-of-the-art Bowling Center, which opened in June. Mustafi says the eatery will seat approximately 120 diners and will feature some 60 percent of the menu from the previous San Remo's Restaurant.

As the name indicates, San Remo's Pizzeria's true-to-Italian-tradition pizzas will be the centerpiece of its menu offerings. Pizzas will be available in three sizes –medium, large, and extra-large- or by-the-slice. Mustafi says the square-shaped slices should be enough for one person's entire meal and are available for \$2.75 (cheese only) or \$3.25 with toppings.

San Remo's will offer a wide variety of toppings: Hamburger, Italian Sausage, Pepperoni, Peppers, Mushrooms, Olives, Pork Sausage, Onions, Pineapples, and Canadian Bacon. The specialty pizzas selections will be Supreme, Veggie, and Alfredo.

The menu also includes baked pasta (Lasagna, Cannelloni, Baked Ziti, Manicotti, and Eggplant Parmesan) and regular Pasta (Spaghetti, Fettuccini, Ravioli, Ziti, and Rigatoni).

Mustafi says the Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Breast Alfredo, and Chicken Wings dishes are also being carried over from the San Remo's Restaurant, along with a selection of Piandinas, a thin Italian flatbread, typically made with white flour, lard (or olive oil), salt, and water.

The San Remo's Pizzeria menu also includes a selection of Subs and sandwiches: Meatball Parmesan, Chicken Parmesan, Ham and Provolone, Grilled Chicken, and prime rib.

Chris Skillings, FireLake Bowling Center manager, says the Bowling Center will fully integrate San Remo's into its opera-



Above, San Remo's Pizzeria owner Lazzi Mustafi twirls pizza dough to obtain correct thickness. The first customers during a "soft opening" on Friday, December 9 were Daniel Standridge and wife Deanna, along with their children Samuel and Cheyanne. The San Remo's dining area will accommodate some 120 pizza lovers. The menu features any kind of pizza one might want and about 60% of the non-pizza menu from the former San Remo's Restaurant.

tions. The Bowling Center staff will accept orders for San Remo's menu items from bowlers and will pick up the food for bowlers and deliver it to them.

San Remo's Pizzeria will be open from

10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays, the hours will be 10:00 a.m. until midnight. Sunday hours will be 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.



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Former legislator Shane Jett is new director of CPN's Community Development Corporation

Shane Jett, a Tecumseh, Oklahoma native, a former state representative for House District 27, and a member of the Cherokee Nation, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC). Formed in 2003, the CPCDC is a nationally recognized Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) providing loans to Native American-owned businesses. The CPCDC also offers business technical assistance, an employee loan program, and administers programs to promote financial literacy.

Jett was valedictorian of Oak Grove Christian Academy, in 1993. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration - majoring in International Business with a minor in Spanish - from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1997. Jett was elected to the Oklahoma legislature in 2004, and served the district until 2010.

As a legislator, Rep. Jett worked to form the first Native American Caucus with Representatives Lisa Johnson Billy (Chickasaw), Paul Wesselhöft (Citizen Potawatomi), and other Native American legislators. The Caucus has been instrumental in creating a dialogue between state government and Indian Country. At the urging of friends and supporters, Jett left the Legislature in 2010 to make a run for Oklahoma's Fifth Congressional district, a seat vacated by now-Gov. Mary Fallin.

Passionate about economic development in Oklahoma, Jett encourages tribes to diversify. He makes the case that Oklahoma tribes are vulnerable to Washington politics. He has counseled against becoming too dependent upon gaming. Jett encourages a focus on manufacturing and defense contracting as an alternative, noting that more than \$2 billion leaves the state every year from Tinker Air Force Base alone. That work (and the jobs created) is being outsourced to other states. Jett believes that much of that lost opportunity could stay in Oklahoma, if Native America would take advantage of existing federal contracting incentives. "Success for Native America creates jobs for Oklahoma!" Jett said.

In addition to his responsibilities at the CPCDC, Jett is an adjunct professor at St. Gregory's University, where he teaches World Geography and Culture. He is an of-



Former Oklahoma State Rep. Shane Jett has assumed directorship of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation.

ficer in the United States Navy Reserve, and speaks three languages; including Spanish and Portuguese. For the past year, Jett has been an English language instructor at The Language Company in Shawnee, where he teaches English as a Second Language to international students.

As a result of the loans it has made, the CPCDC has been instrumental in helping to create and/or save hundreds of jobs in Oklahoma. The CDFI has made hundreds of loans to CPN members and employees and to Native-owned businesses, with loans totaling more than \$20 million since its inception. "Because we are a CDFI, we are able to provide services for Native American-owned businesses that many traditional lenders are unwilling or unable to provide," Jett said.

"Whether you are expanding an existing business or are interested in starting a business, the CPCDC is here to help," Jett added. "You can acquire training and personalized business development coaching, as well as access to capital in the form of commercial loans."

As part of its vision to "Enhance Financial Futures", the CPCDC also offers a variety of financial education programs. For more information, visit www.cpcdc.org or call 405-878-4697.

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for the youth programs offered by Citizen Potawatomi Nation to be the best and most effective they can be.

The FireLodge Tribal Youth Council held its first 2011-2012 fundraiser in November. Members were excited to offer poinsettias for their holiday fundraiser. All of our poinsettias are locally grown, and all proceeds from the sale are going directly to the youth council.

Members of the FireLodge Youth Council selected some additional fundraisers to complete this year. All of the donations are used to fund an annual out-of-state leadership trip for active members of the council. Last year, 15 members participated in the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Youth are making plans this year to engage in an intense team-building and skill development retreat to prepare them for effective community outreach projects.

Just a few fundraisers to be looking out for include an Indian Taco lunch in January, a community-wide garage sale this spring, car washes this summer, and plans to work in various concession stands or in conjunction with local eateries to earn percentages of sales.

Feel free to visit our new Facebook page by searching Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Tribal Youth Council, and "like" us. You will be notified of all the events we post. Please consider supporting our youth whenever you have the opportunity! We can promise you that it is greatly appreciated.

In September, the Council voted on their leadership committee for the 2011-2012 school year. The leadership committee is responsible for planning the agendas and running each of the monthly meetings, as well as forming and overseeing special committees within the youth council. A representative from the leadership committee also serves as a youth representative on the Tribal Youth Advisory Board.

This year's committee features returning members Kyle Murdock, a senior at Bethel High School, and Jeremy Johnson, a freshman at Shawnee High. New members include Allison Creek, a sophomore from Dale High School, and CPN members Kaitlyn Prewett, a Tecumseh freshman, and Trae Trousedale, a seventh grade student at Tecumseh Middle School. These five young people are fervently committed to improving outcomes for youth and making a positive impact in their schools and communities. We are so proud to have them as identified leaders and members of the FireLodge Youth Council and can't wait to see what the council will accomplish this year under their direction!

Teen Dating Violence NOT A FAIRYTALE

Nothing is quite as exciting as finding love for the first time.

When you are little, you dream of getting swept off your feet like Cinderella.

You daydream about Prince Charming bringing you a glass slipper that fits perfectly.

While this kind of fairytale is what you hope for, it is important to keep your eyes open for the warning signs of relationship abuse.

1 in 3 teens reports knowing a friend who has been physically abused or hurt by their dating partner.

Liz Claiborne Inc., Conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, (February 2005)

Warning Signs of Abuse

- *Checking Your Phone Without Permission
- *Physically Hurting You in Any Way
- *Isolating You From Loved Ones
- *Constantly Putting You Down
- *Controlling Your Finances
- *Telling You What To Do
- *Extreme Jealousy
- *Possessiveness

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

As usual it has been a busy and enjoyable time. We just got back from the District #4 Tribal Area Gathering on October 31st. There, we met lots of folks we had not met before and became reacquainted with old friends. This is always a good trip for me as I get to visit with Lyman Boursaw and Jon Boursaw, the other two members of the CPN honor guard. Lyman is a Korean War vet, as am I. Jon, Lyman's younger brother and the youngest member of the honor guard, served in Vietnam. This meeting was especially enjoyable because there were lots of other vets there, also.

Then, we were back in Kansas again on the November 5th the 150th anniversary celebration of the signing of the 1861 treaty. Jon Boursaw made a presentation on the Citizen Potawatomis' stay in Kansas during the event at the Kansas Historical Society Museum. Jon's presentation was very interesting and historically significant.

As I write, it is November 11th, and we are preparing to attend the District #6 Tribal Area Gathering in Palm Springs, California, hosted by Rep. Rande Payne. This was to be followed by a trip to the other coast for a December 3rd area gathering in Parsippany, New Jersey for my District #1 and Eva Marie Carney's District #2.

This trip to New Jersey will bring back many memories for me. I was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. as a 17-year old private just out of basic training and attending radio operator school. Thirteen months later, I was stationed there again after a tour overseas, at Eniwetok testing the first H-bomb.



That time, I was a corporal going to radio repair school.

That being said, I now have to mention the most important thing that happened to me in New Jersey. During my second tour there, I was married to my lovely wife Julia. We were married at Ft. Monmouth in an army chapel by an army chaplain. After 59 years, it will be a wonderful experience to revisit the base and the chapel where we were married. There will be very pleasant memories of a time when we were so very, very poor materially and so very, very rich in every other respect.

I will end this as always, if you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me with updates, it is because I do not have your contact information. If you have not received mail from me, please send me your contact information - e-mail or regular-mail address.

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Roy Slavin
CPN/District #1

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello:

Happy Fall to everyone. As you can see this is a short column. (Some now may be saying, "It's about time!" I have been taking some ribbing for the length of my columns.). It is short because I wanted to focus on just one theme - Native pride, pride in our Indian-ness.

Many of you know that I am an attorney. The work I do for a living also gives me the opportunity to give back to the community through *pro bono* work - work for those without finances to pay a lawyer. Last week I accompanied a *pro bono* client to her citizenship interview. The client had gone through a living hell of beatings, etc. in her native country of Ethiopia and received asylum from the United States some years ago.

The interview consists of questions about the person's application (to probe for truthfulness), the person's loyalty to the U.S. (e.g., whether the applicant stands ready to serve the United States in a military or other capacity if called upon), and the person's knowledge of United States history and our democratic form of government.

What was remarkable to me is that of the six questions my client was asked during the interview, one was about *US*! By *US*, I mean us Native Americans, the first people here in the United States.

And oddly enough, around this same time last year, in the one other interview I attended with a naturalization client, the same question had been posed, only one of six questions he was asked that day.

That question:

Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

The two acceptable answers:

- *American Indians*
- *Native Americans*

I know it is a small point in the grand scheme of all that we as a Nation and other Native American nations have endured as a result of "the Europeans' arrival," to note that the U.S. government thinks it important



for potential new citizens to know we were here before "the Europeans." Yet, I was unexpectedly moved to hear both the immigration hearing officer and my clients acknowledge our people and our connection to this land.

And, I wanted to share that thought, in this U.S. government-designated Native American Heritage Month. I hope that it encourages you to explore and share our heritage with your family, friends, co-workers, and others you interact with in daily life. You will be benefiting *jagenogenon* (all our relations).

(By the way, both of my clients answered the question, and all others they were asked, correctly . . . and are in the process of adjusting their status so they will be full-fledged U.S. citizens! If you want to test your own Civics knowledge, Google "Study for the Naturalization Test".)

Thank you for the great honor of representing you.

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CPN Family Reunion Festival 2012 June 29 & 30 and July 1, 2012

The Honored Families for the 2012 Family Reunion Festival will be the Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott families.

District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikan,

October has been a very busy month! I gave a presentation to about 100 seventh-grade students at the Dallas Hampton Preparation School on the evolution of our Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It covered our beginning in 13,000 BC and followed through up to now.

This PowerPoint presentation is a modified version of the 2009 Tribal Area Gatherings presentation that our Chairman gave. It includes the death march in 1838. The Chairman's administrative assistant, Jamie Moucka, sent each legislator a copy that we are able to use for these types of presentations, and I'm here to make them where my schedule permits. If you have a group to which you would like for me to give this presentation, drop me a note. I will see if I can fit it in.

E-mail messages were sent out to many of you regarding other events. I was able to see some of you at a few. These included attending the Carrollton "Santa Fe Days" week-end, BNSF Heritage Day, Fort Worth ISD Student Pow Wow, and the Cancer Survivors event at the Dallas Urban Inter-tribal Center.

October was designated Cancer awareness month. At the Cancer Survivors event, I learned that breast cancer is the second most-common cancer in women after skin cancer. While I was familiar with breast cancer involving the development of infected lumps in the breast area, I didn't know that there is another type of breast cancer called "inflammatory breast cancer."

More than 250,000 women will develop cancer in the US this year; more than 41,000 will die from it. Like many things, early detection will reduce the risk. It is as simple as doing a personal examination and getting regular mammograms for early discovery.

If you are unsure how to self-exam, you should ask your personal physician. Interestingly enough, a necklace was given out showing how awareness or lack thereof showed the size of a cancer nodule at time of discovery. With a self examination, you can find the beginning stage with a lump about half the size of a pea. By doing nothing and letting the disease take its course, it may not be found until the lump is the size of a silver dollar!



Men, while this disease tends to be found mainly in females, about one percent of breast cancer cases are in males. So, both women and men need to be aware of the risk and be proactive in getting treatment early.

I have been working with the Commissioners staff of Tarrant County in behalf of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce, where I serve as Vice President. We put a program together in concert with eight other minority chambers and hosted a training program on November 12 at one of the Tarrant County Community College campuses. In this session, we walked minority businesses through the process for obtaining several of the minority certifications needed to do business with various government agencies as a minority business.

For those of us that are certified Native American businesses, a federal law was recently passed that goes into effect shortly. It states that when two minority businesses are competing for a government contract, the Native American business will be given priority consideration. So, if you are a minority business, but have no certifications, you need to become officially certified.

As a point of information, if you are in Texas and are a Native American Business, do consider joining the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. If you are not certified, they can assist you in working through the process.

In last month's *HowNiKan*, I initiated a contest of sorts regarding our original flag

versus our present day tribal seal. We had a winner within just a couple of days of receipt of the tribal paper in District #3. Elisa Berger came up with the two answers on the significance of the three logs on the first flag, which was designed by Beverly Hughes, versus the seven logs in the tribal seal created by our Chairman, John 'Rocky' Barrett. Congratulations to Elisa, who earned her choice of a Pendleton serape blanket or shawl, which comes in a variety of colors and was shipped to her from the supplier.

The three logs on the original flag represented the confederation of "three fires" in 1750 on the St. Joseph River, denoting the brotherhood of the Potawatomi, Odawa (Ottawa), and Ojibwe in the Algonquin Nation.

In a document I received last summer from Rocky, it noted that, in our tribal seal, the seven logs symbolize the Seven Prayers used in the *Pwagen* (Pipe) Ceremony. The first prayer is to *WetchKehSimYok* (the North) asking for *KehTahMah MeanGoWin* (the Spirit of Generosity). The next is to *WetchMoKuk* (the East), asking for *KehTahMah BwaKahWin* (the Spirit of Wisdom). The third is to *WetchNowKwek* (the South), asking for *KehTahMah GehNinGahWin* (the Spirit of Compassion). The next is to *WetchBahKehMok* (the West), asking for *KehTahMah WehDahSahWin* (the Spirit of Courage). The fifth is down to *Sugamukwe* (Mother Earth) for all she gives to sustain life. The next is up to *Gzhemnido* (God) for all that exists. And, the last is to *Jagenagenon* (All of my relations) for all of those who share our blood all around the world. North is Sweetgrass; East is tobacco; South is cedar; and West is sage. Each was a gift to one of the four sons of *Anishnabe* (First Man) and Fire Keeper's Daughter (First Woman).

Each month, I look for some information that I hope will benefit many of you. This month, it has to do with how your electricity will be measured in the future. In the news several months ago, there was concern expressed about the installation of the new "smart meters" by electric companies. As it turns out, these smart meters have some extremely serious side effects. They emit radiation.

The smart meters eliminate jobs which are the type that employ entry-level workers. The unit can tell when you are home or away. Because they are wireless, the infor-

mation they transmit, including showing you might be away, can be intercepted with special equipment. Basically, it might be possible for thieves (potential burglars or others) to monitor your home and see it is vacant and an easy target.

The good news is that you can file a form with your electric company and the Public Utility Commission advising that the smart meter is not authorized to be installed on your property. Your electricity provider might say there is a law that allows it to install these meters. There is no law that mandates that you must have one on your house. For more information on this, go to the website www.BanTexasSmartMeters.com.

The website gives you a link to the form that needs to be filed with the PUC. The citizens in the Conroe area about 45 miles north of Houston have rallied and are fighting installation of these units. If you send in a form, it is recommended that you do so by registered mail, requesting a return receipt. The PUC will issue you a file number in recognition of your filing.

In closing, I am again asking for you to send me your e-mail address, so I can give you the latest news on jobs, events, outside scholarships, etc. as it develops. Many times, waiting for the next edition of the *HowNiKan* to be published is not practical. The information would be after the fact. So, my having a fast contact for you is vital.

I am here to serve you and am honored that you elected me to be your representative. By the time you read this article, the next Tribal Area Gathering for District #3 will have been held. I hope I saw you there.

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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Bozho,

It has been a very busy time in Kansas. I was very fortunate to be on hand when the CPN staff conducted interviews in my office during their recent visit to Kansas. The Heritage project was started several years ago. Many of you who attended the old regional meetings at the museum in Topeka might remember this program.

Volunteers are asked to sit for a brief interview about themselves and their Citizen Potawatomi ancestors. I listened with particular interest to one elder who knew more details about his family than I have ever heard. He spoke about where they lived, how they met, where they married, and why they moved.

I was truly impressed not just by the material but the way he remembered the story and how important it was for him to tell it. I also listened to stories of people's lives, and their message to future generations.

Please consider sitting for an interview next time the opportunity arises. You might not be able to tell about your family history but your life is going to be the history for future generations. Those of us who would love to know more about our grandparents now would love to be able to pull a video of them talking about their lives. Consider it a gift to you great-great-grandchildren.

Our attendance at the district meeting in Rossville was close to 200 people. I always appreciate all the staff and the executives who spend their weekends traveling to stay in touch with us. I wanted to say a special thank you to Oklahoma Representatives David Barrett and Paul Schmidtkofer for attending.

We also had a large attendance for the 150th anniversary commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of 1861. The weather was beautiful, but because of the wind, we moved our ceremony into the classroom of the Kansas Historical Society. After many hours organizing by Mary Madden of the



Historical Society, Kansas Native American Liaison Chris Howell, CPN member Jon Boursaw, and myself, the event went as planned.

As people were enjoying the displays, chatting, and snacking after the presentation, Mary made the comment, "You all know how to make yourselves at home." You can read a full report elsewhere in this edition of the *HowNiKan*.

Our Senior Care Network is growing fast. Joan Winters, RN informed me she now has more than 100 citizens to whom she gives some kind of care on a regular basis. That can be anything from a phone call to check on the elder to setting up his or her mediations for them on a weekly basis. Activity calendars were mailed to elders, along with a survey, to gather their suggestions. If you did not receive one and you are older than 60, please contact Joan at the Rossville Activity Center at 785-249-2915. Her service area is approximately a 60-mile radius of Rossville, Kansas.

If you are not on my e-mail list drop me a note at TAdame@Potawtomi.org.
Theresa Adame
CPN Kansas Representative
District #4

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Greetings to you all,

I want to begin by apologizing for not getting a column in for the October edition of the *HowNiKan*. Those of you who lived in the Pottawatomie-Seminole counties area of Oklahoma in the first six decades of the 20th century, or had relatives who did, will know what I mean when I explain that it got caught in a cyber version of the old We-woka switch.

We get so involved in day-to-day living and the next thing you know another week, month, or, now, a year has passed. I'm looking back on all the things I had hoped to complete this year and haven't. It takes me back to a time as a child when I was so anxious to grow up. I was always the youngest in my grade in school, work, and play. Now, it seems, I am the oldest ... always.

I remember when my oldest daughter, Lisa, said, "You're too young, you're too young, that is all I hear. How do you handle that?"

My advice at that time was: "Enjoy it, because the next words you hear will be, 'You're too old.'" I know she didn't believe what I said in that moment, truth as it might have been.

On the other side of before-30, life moves very slowly and you are sure you will never get old. It never occurs to you that, after 30, time sprouts wings.

So you think you are young and have plenty of time. Look at the time that has passed for wherever you are right now. Went slowly, didn't it? Now take that same amount of time and put it on the other side. Now - how old are you? If you are 20, you've become 40. If you are 30, now you are 60. See what I mean?

When I was about to turn 18, I remember how frightened I was to actually become independent. I saw the life mistakes others would make and I vowed, "Not me." So, I invested the time and talked to everyone I knew over 65, I asked them, "If you could do everything over again, what would you change?" Over and over again, I heard, "I wish I had been more adventurous and had not worried so much about what others would think."

I asked one woman of 72 years at that time, "How can I know who to listen to for advice? Everyone has advice. It is never the same. How do you know when to lis-



ten?" She answered, "You always listen. That is how you learn. Then, take the advice according to their success in the subject."

"Wow!" I thought, "This is true wisdom." Of course, it is obvious that would be the case. (Not necessarily.)

Then I asked my grandmother, "What would you do differently, if you had your life to live over again?" Her answer was much different than I had heard before. She said, "I wish I hadn't been so judgmental. I wish I had had the love and compassion that every human deserves even when he has made some bad choices."

Wow, once again it struck a chord in my very being, knowing that I had judged others without having walked in their moccasins - never really knowing or understanding the thinking that encouraged them to do the things they do.

We are all products of our environment, upbringing, and learned behaviors. It takes some a lifetime to overcome the weaknesses while others just seem to be driven by their determination to be better people.

We wish we were more tolerant, thinner, taller, prettier, more handsome than Brad Pitt, wealthy, or independent. We always wish that we could be someone else we admire.

I believe we come onto this Earth with a great deal of whom we are, and nothing said previously matters. Every minute of every day, we are making choices that affect our future and the future of others around us. We choose. Our gift at birth is the right to choose.

Many, many times, some say, "Be thankful for all your past mistakes and awakenings as that is what brought us to today.

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That is what makes us who we are and brings us to this time in life."

My mother's and grandmother's favorite poem was "God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Sooooooooooooo, as another year passes and we begin 2012, think about how we can all be better human beings for our own sake and the sake of others.

We could decide that this year we are going to change one thing about ourselves

and how we deal with others. It could be our contribution to a better world, a more gratifying family, thus a stronger Nation. I mean "Nation" in the sense of either the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or our country, the United States of America.

So, in 2012, be all you choose to be and know the right people are in your life, right now, to learn the things you need to learn. Give thanks and always be grateful.

Love you all,

Gene Lambert

CPN Legislator, District #5

District #6 - Rande Payne

Ahau, Jayek,

The fourth and final season of 2011 is upon us. Old Man Winter will bring another year to a close and open the door to usher in the new to replace the old. Another cycle of life is complete and ready to repeat itself. Creation is life's most beautiful mystery!

The fall season was fun and exciting for me. A busy summer ended with our Legislative meeting and Native Nation Nation-Building study wrap-up in Tucson in mid-September. Fall kicked off with a craft and culture event in early October and then it was on to the Tribal Area Gathering in November. Meeting and getting to know so many of the people in our district is pure joy. As people participate in events and learn more about their heritage, the sense of family and community grows. It is such a blessing to be a member of the Potawatomi family!

As each year comes to an end, it is the time when we typically reflect on the past and dream of the future. And that's what I plan on doing ... sort of. My wife Kim and I are actually underway with plans for me to leave my food service distribution career of 26-plus years. I will be joining Kim in the restaurant business that she and her mother have owned and operated for 30 years.

My mother-in-law will be retiring, and I will soon be wearing her moccasins. This change will afford me the opportunity to work closer to home, travel less, and work with my wife and our two beautiful daughters Rochelle and Melissa. The change will also provide more time to work on things Potawatomi. I am very much looking forward to the new year!

Thanksgiving is that time of year we think about all the Creator has given. It's a

time of sharing with others the abundance we have received. Thanksgiving is about committing to at least that one special meal with family and friends. Even in difficult times we can find much to appreciate and ways to give back.

One of our CPN tribal members, Karl Simecka of Boulder City, Nevada, has asked for my help in distributing information about his charity, American Indian Assistance, in the hope that other tribal members might be able to help. After a long career with the Department of Defense, Karl retired about four years ago and started his charity to "fill the gap" left by two other Native Americans in the Las Vegas area who had been helping needy people on the reservations, but were now retiring.

Until recently, Karl has been focused primarily on the Navajo located in the Tuba City, Arizona area. He did so because he was introduced to a dedicated lady from Tuba City in whom he has the utmost confidence. He says that he knows that everything he delivers to his contact goes to a needy person.

The things he delivers to Tuba City include clothes, blankets, toys, dishes, small

kitchen utensils, and other items. He makes the 650-mile round trip about every three weeks, on the average. In addition to collecting and delivering these goods, he has arranged for volunteers to go to Tuba City to perform various needed tasks, such as painting and repairing houses, constructing additions to buildings, etc.

For some time, Karl has wanted to help another needy tribe, the Oglala Sioux in South Dakota. However, because of the long distance from Boulder City to South Dakota, transporting goods that distance presents a problem. So, he is hopeful that he can find someone who makes regular (or occasional) trips between South Dakota and the Las Vegas area.

The expenses Karl has incurred are paid primarily out of his own pocket, although he does get occasional donations of money. Karl says he could do so much more if he had more funds. He recognizes that providing the type of help he has provided thus far is just a start. What many of the tribes need, primarily, is employment. So, Karl's long-term goal is to help them bring employment to their reservations. One obvious source of funds is federal grants. Karl is hopeful that he can find someone who is experienced in researching and writing grants.

A third need is for someone to occasionally update the American Indian assistance website, <http://am-indian-assist.info>.

It is significant to note that we in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation have been blessed beyond belief thanks to the enterprising nature of our Chairman and his staff. Many of the other tribes are not so fortunate and continually struggle. It would be a good thing, indeed, if the CPN members could help these other tribes.

In summary, the types of help Karl could use are: 1. Transportation of goods from the Las Vegas area to South Dakota (and perhaps later, to other locations in the United States); 2. Researching and writing of grants; and 3. Website updates.

Thank you for your consideration. You can contact Karl by e-mailing him at nevadakar17@cox.net or mailing him at Karl Simecka, 1525 Irene Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005.

I want to shift gears a little and take this opportunity to thank the many people who

have been so supportive and encouraging to me. I consider myself very fortunate to work with the many talented and committed people within our Legislature. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is very unique in this way indeed. We don't always see things the same way, but there is always unity in spirit.

I am still trying to figure out where Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps get the energy to do all they do. Their example of Leadership is inspiring to me and keeps me motivated. And the things our Legislators are doing for our Nation around the country are nothing short of amazing to me. I don't know of any other tribe that has such a far-reaching system of government with the ability to serve its members as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation does.

I also want to thank the many members of our District who have attended our events, reached out to get involved, and helped in many different ways. The list is too long to mention everyone here but please know I appreciate you all immensely. I also want to thank those who have shared their e-mail addresses with me. This is my best method of getting information out to you and serving your needs. I encourage anyone who hasn't submitted his or her e-mail address to send a quick note to rande.payne@potawatomi.org so that I can include you in my e-mail distribution list.

This may be the last edition of the *HowNiKan* of the year, so I would like to wish all a fantastic Holiday Season. Happy Thanksgiving, may your Christmas be the merriest ever, and the New Year a fresh and new beginning filled with hopes and dreams!

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

As many of you know, November was Native American Heritage month. It is the time each year to reflect on what it means to me to be a Native American and a Citizen Potawatomi and to cherish the rich history that we are all descendents of. I encourage you to seek out your heritage. Many of you have detailed family trees that trace your lineage. However, just as many of our members do not. There are many resources available to you, both on the internet and through our Tribal Rolls Department.

If you will indulge me just a little: November is also a month in which I have the honor of sharing a birth month with my grandfather, David P. Johnson. Although I never had the privilege to know him personally, I have had the opportunity to know him through the many letters that he both wrote and received over the course of his lifetime. He left those letters in the care of my father just prior to his death in 1957.

Grandfather David P. Johnson was born on November 16, 1878 in a log cabin located along Salt Creek near Sacred Heart, Indian Territory. In September 1888, he left home with three of his sisters to attend the Chilocco Indian School in north-central Oklahoma.

In 1895, he moved on to the Carlisle Indian School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which he attended until he was discharged in 1899. At that time, he returned to Shawnee to farm on his allotment near Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

The reason this is important to me is that the U.S. Government set up these Indian Schools to "Americanize" Indians by removing them from their culture and heritage. During his time at Carlisle, my grandfather was placed in the "Outing System" to give him practical work experience on farms in New Jersey.

One might be able to draw a comparison with a type of forced labor, but he was paid a small amount. And, I believe that he enjoyed being away from school. I often wonder what he would say about the Tribe today, I think he would be very proud of what the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has become, and the educational opportunities that are available to our members.



My father tells me that, until the day he died, Grandfather David P. Johnson he never spoke in public about being Native American. So, I guess, in one respect the government got its wish. But, on the other hand, I am glad he saved those letters. All of our families have similar stories, take the time to discover yours.

As legislators of the tribe, we have a duty not only to act in the best interests of the Nation today, but also to set a course that will insure the viability of the Nation for the next 150 years or more. We need only look at what has happened in the past to remember what we as a people have gone through, and set a course for the Nation to make sure that our Heritage and Culture do not disappear, but indeed thrive.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call. I will be happy to work with you on any questions you might have or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits to which you are entitled. Please also visit my website for more information at www.markjohnson-cpn.com.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, and Happy Holidays from District #8!

November 12th was a great day – one of my favorite as your Legislator. Around 70 Citizen Potawatomis and friends got together for food and crafts. Everyone brought something to share, so there was a wide array of delicious side dishes and desserts. The Nation provided two roasted turkeys, two spiral-cut hams, and a variety of beverages. It was a great-looking spread.

Crafts were taught by Pam Hodam of Salem, Oregon and Steve Lynch of Beaverton, Oregon. These were pine quill basket-weaving and "CPN Founding Family Boxes." If you were not able to attend or are not in District #8, but would like to learn more, please go to the Events page of www.dave-carney.com to download instructions provided by the teachers.



Joe Clark and his wife, Brenda, took the train from Somers, Montana and Ginger Blackmon and Mary Logomasini came all the way from Anchorage, Alaska. Actually, Ginger was visiting her aunt, CPN member Jan Nestler, in Seattle and was good enough to represent the Bourassa family. Beside Bourassas, family members who made boxes celebrating their ancestors included: Andersons, Darlings, Rhodds, Vieuxes, Pappans, Navarres, Melts, Melotts, LaFramboises, Borbonnaies, Johnsons, Weldfeldts, Ogees, Youngs, and Juneaus.

In the old Potawatomi tradition of being inclusive with other Indian Nations and



sharing festivities we had a pair of ladies from the Tlingit Tribe in Alaska in attendance. Doris and Virginia were there to support one of our disabled members with mobility issues, but they jumped into the event with both feet. They were both particularly impressed by the PowerPoint slideshow highlighting the Nation's history, benefits, enterprises, and bright future.

We were also fortunate to have Jessy Lucas and his fiancé Dalenna Johnson of the Snoqualmie Nation not only attending but also leading the music of the day. I asked Jessy to do a special drum prayer for our before-meal grace. Later, toward the end of the event, Jessy and various CPN members took to the pow wow drum. This drum was made at an event about a year-and-a-half ago with buffalo hide and deer lacing. I was able to take part in the pow wow drumming for the first time. Wow! It sounded great, and is something I'd like to develop more for our district. We played some wonderful, traditional Snoqualmie songs. My eventual goal is to drum Potawatomi songs.

In my last column, I wrote about Jerry Whitehead who is a very active member recently diagnosed with stage four cancer. Jerry and his wife, Judy, came and participated. Jerry is looking good and fighting his battle. He sent me a card thanking his Potawatomi family for their prayers and well wishes.



On a personal note, I want to express how happy I am that Reps. Roy Slavin and Eva Marie Carney hosted an event in New Jersey on December 3, 2011. This was the first CPN event that my special aunt, Agnes Barron, was able to attend. Agnes left Kansas (and her extended family) in 1946, and has always had a great deal of pride in being Potawatomi and being the family matriarch.

Thank you for a great year as your representative, especially the members whom I've met for the first time at events and

Namings throughout the district. Remember, if I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me. If you are not getting regular updates and information from me, I do not have your e-mail address. So, please contact me.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho Nikan,

"Native Nations Do Not Deserve Sovereignty"

As an informed political conservative and Christian, I wish to respond to an uninformed political conservative and Christian. Bryan Fischer is the Director of Issue Analysis for Government and Public Policy at the American Family Association. He wrote the following: "In all the discussions about the European settlement of the New World, one feature has been conspicuously absent: the role that the superstition, savagery, and sexual immorality of native Americans played in making them morally disqualified from sovereign control of American soil."

If I thought the above sentiments were solely those of Mr. Fischer, I would simply dismiss them as not worthy of my time and energy. However, I am afraid these views might represent a wider appeal. Therefore, I feel compelled to address the three issues of Mr. Fischer's essay.

First, Native American superstition: Mr. Fischer writes that early Native Americans were "steeped in the basest forms of superstition" and "tribes ultimately resisted the appeal of Christian Europeans to leave behind their superstition and occult practices for the light of Christianity and civilization."

He references legislation appropriating federal tax dollars for the evangelizing of the Native American tribes which "came to naught, as one tribe after another rejected the offer of spiritual light..."

He writes that, "Many of the tribal reservations today remain mired in poverty and alcoholism because many native Americans continue to cling to the darkness of indigenous superstition instead of coming into the

light of Christianity and assimilating into Christian culture."

Also, he cites a modern example of purported superstition when a Native American prayed at the memorial service for victims of the Tucson shooter by seeking inspiration from the "Seven Directions," including "Father Sky" and "Mother Earth," rather than the God of the Bible.

The facts are these: Indians were and are some of the most spiritual people on the planet. They were innately spiritual and so without the guide of written revelation. They did not need religious documents encouraging, inspiring, or directing their reverence. This is evidenced by many tribes when they seek the blessings of "The Great Spirit." Well, just who was this Great Spirit? They identified this Deity through their innate spirituality.

The fact is, some tribes converted to Christianity (as did the Potawatomis, and early). Other tribes retained their native spirituality void of Christianity. Some would eventually be Christianized.



Virtually every religion considers other competing religions as superstition, and they mean it to be pejorative. Superstition is a word denoting "excessive credulous belief in and reverence for the supernatural." Without question, most Indians, then and now, believed in and reverence the supernatural. That is why it was easier for many tribes to be evangelized.

Some modern American Indians, certainly not the majority, retain their native spirituality either void of Christianity or with a syncretistic mixture thereof. However, that does not make them a cult. I will remind Mr. Fischer that our constitution adheres to the freedom of religion.

As for tribal reservations being mired in poverty and alcoholism because of their superstition and rejecting Christianity, the facts do not bear this out. Native spirituality void of Christianity is practiced by a limited minority of Indians on reservations. The Christian church is of far more influence on these reservations. There are numerous and significant economic and sociological factors contributing to the problems on reservations which are of much greater impact than limited "superstition."

Mr. Fischer writes, "International scholars have always recognized that sovereign control of land is legitimately transferred in ... conquest." So, he believes that might makes right. One may find such a hegemonic doctrine in Hebrew and other religious documents; but this doctrine cannot be cited in the New Testament, from which Christianity is based. An advanced civilization destroying a weaker one is Darwinistic, not Christian.

The Director of Issue Analysis for Government and Public Policy failed to address the fact that most Indians were forced from their homes and hunting grounds and corralled into reservations foreign to them and almost totally devoid of resources because they failed to be evangelized.

For generations, the federal government required many Indian children to "assimilate" by forcing them into poor schools far from their families. At these schools, among other travesties, children were beaten for speaking their native languages. How does a Christian justify this kind of harsh "assimilation?"

The genocide of Native Americans became an unwritten law of these Christian Europeans. Is genocide a Christian doctrine?

For Mr. Fischer to castigate early Native Americans as superstitious and therefore not worthy of sovereignty is unfair at best and racist in the worst case.

Second, Native American savagery: Mr. Fischer writes that Native Americans were "guilty of savagery in warfare for hundreds of years." He singles out the Sioux as particularly guilty. Without stating it, Mr. Fischer may be referring to scalping which cannot be justified by any measure.

However, not every tribe used this form of warfare. This practice was more prevalent among certain Indian tribes but historians record the practice as early as 1703 being committed on Indians by white settlers of the Massachusetts Bay colony and other whites well into the 19th century.

Historians concede that "savagery," or excessive killings and torture, was committed by both Indians and Europeans. Both were also guilty, on occasion, of killing innocent women, children, and babies.

One should keep in mind that Indians had primitive weapons with which to defend themselves and conduct battles; whereas, Europeans had advanced rifles, muskets, and cannons capable of mass killings and destruction. Consequently, much of the Indian population was exterminated en masse.

Third, Native American sexual immorality: Mr. Fischer writes that Native Americans "practiced the most debased forms of sexuality." To buttress this argument he cites only one example, in which certain chiefs "offered their own wives to the Corps of Discovery for their twisted sexual pleasure." What does that prove? Well, one thing it seems to prove is that the Christian Europeans in the Corps of Discovery "practiced the most debased forms of sexuality."

Many historical examples of "debased forms of sexuality" could be referenced where "Christian" Europeans in America were involved. If one considers the Europeans in Europe, sexual immorality could be historically cited throughout that continent. I am not aware of any evidence demonstrating that Indians were more sexually immoral than non-Indians.

I don't believe Mr. Fischer's opinion of Native Americans represents most Christian Americans. But, if some hold to these racist views, we must confront them with facts and with love. I hope I have done both.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhöft/Nagnit

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

There are so many things in life that we don't control. Conversely, there are many things that, if we initiate them upfront, will improve our chances for not losing control later. Looking back on these last couple of years, I wonder how other people have dealt with similar situations that they really didn't control.

One thing we must do is to work on reducing these situations, so they are not as influential in our lives.

Health: If we are honest with ourselves, we all know we have some control over our health. We need to eat right to prevent all the health problems that are associated with overeating, eating the wrong foods, eating late at night, etc. Control these habits upfront so you can prevent health issues from striking.

But in the event you encounter health issues, you will surrender control to your doctors and healthcare providers at that point.

Stay healthy - don't text and drive! Researchers have found that texting doubles drivers' reaction time, whether they're sending or just reading a message. When you're on the road, put your thumbs down and keep your eyes up.

Smoking: Most people will not be able to beat the side effects that stem from smoking. You have the control now to do something about this habit. Otherwise; here again you won't have control when the dreaded diagnosis comes your way.

Elders: Now when our elders need care, we think we have control with their permission to step in as their administrator in taking care of them and making the hard decisions on critical issues. Again, this is not a given! When they go to a care center, you will encounter different agencies that are under government guidelines that might or might not mandate actions that are in your loved ones' best interest.

For instance, when my mother was in the nursing home, we had support from the nursing facility, the doctors, and legal assistance on the issue of having a seat belt on her wheelchair while she was at the nursing home. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services said that, according to government statistics, it was more harmful with the seat belt. They said they would



rather allow her to slide out of the wheelchair. We lost on this issue; if a DHS inspector had found my mother with a seat belt on her wheelchair, the nursing facility would have been fined. Hopefully, the trend will be more favorable regarding government agencies in the future.

Government: Spending is so much out of control that our leaders in Congress seem to be baffled about how to take control of spending. They know what they must do. From the media, it's hard to decipher what are facts and what is politics.

Children: This subject will get me in trouble with some of you, but I'm writing on control. This is an area where I personally feel that we have shifted control to educators in our society to instruct our children on learning and discipline. What happened to parents' responsibility to prepare our children? What are we thinking when we shift this control from home to outsiders?

My parents used both methods of discipline on me. One was spankings, and when my mother thought this wasn't working, she sat me down and talked to me. I preferred the spankings. When you discipline with love, you won't leave scars.

Marriage: Marriage is not easy. But, when each partner wants to shift the control of responsibility from himself or herself to blame problems on the other, the situation worsens. If neither wants to step up in a joint effort to have 100% confidence in each other in resolving these problems, the last resort would be again turning this control over to outsiders.

Workplace: You can control your workplace in certain ways when you control

your conduct in your workplace, working hard, getting along with others, getting your job done completely, and not relying on someone else to finish what you were assigned to do. Controlling these factors will allow you to have some input from the beginning that will affect your boss' decisions when times get rough and layoffs are around the corner.

Fountain of Youth: Sorry ladies, we know we haven't found the fountain of youth. But, there are guidelines on how to achieve better skin by staying away from getting sunburns. Exercising will help keep your body toned and looking like a beautiful piece of art. Exercise will keep the circulation to all parts of your body so your body can maintain the final product of perfection.

Faith and Patriotism: If we as individuals don't stand up for our freedom, we are going to lose control of what the United States was founded on. What about displaying the American flag? What about prayer? What about praising God in your own way

in public? I know that, these days, you can't say certain things because it may offend someone!, somewhere!, somehow!, someday!

What I would like for us to examine as the year ends and for our new year coming up, is to take control of the areas in our lives where we can make a difference if we really put serious effort into it. Start standing up more for yourself and feel the joy when you rely on yourself for getting things accomplished in your daily life. Regain this Blessing.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may God grant you good health and wisdom for the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the privilege and honor of being able to serve you and our great nation as your legislator.

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

This Thanksgiving, I gave special thanks to a man our tribe held in very high esteem. His name is Timothy Lowry. He was not a tribal member; but he was the husband, father, and grandfather to 10 of our members. His life was taken in a tragic car accident on September 30, 2011, just a short distance from his beloved Sacred Heart Church and historic mission grounds. He was only 56.

Tim was riding with fellow deputy, Mike Roberts, to serve a warrant. As they topped a hill on Highway 39, the southern east-west highway in our reservation, their patrol car struck a low-boy trailer whose driver was making a U-turn. The trailer was not visible in the setting sun; both officers were killed.

Tim was a Pottawatomie County Reserve Deputy Sheriff for 24 years. He was also president of the Sacred Heart Historical Society since 1987. I met Tim and Kathy Lowry in 1996 when I was the tribal archaeologist and needed help mapping out a walking trail of the former Sacred Heart Abbey and Mission, established in 1876. He described where each building had stood when so many of our great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents went to school at Saint Mary's Academy (est. 1880), Sacred Heart College (est. 1884),



and St. Benedict Industrial School for Boys (est. 1890). Today, the walking trail and markers are evidence of Tim's tireless work to protect, maintain, and restore the mission grounds.

All of us from the tribe were overcome with grief to see such an outpouring of love as hundreds of uniformed officers, family members, and friends gathered to pay their final respects to Tim. He was laid to rest in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery with a gun salute. He touched so many lives



through his dedication to protection – of both law and history. May God’s love comfort his family.

If you want to make donations to a cause that was dear to Tim’s heart, the family is asking for help to restore the historic Sacred Heart Church stained-glass windows. The address is Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society, P.O. Box 122, Konawa, OK 74849. If you want to help the Church maintain the cemeteries and grounds, please send a gift

to Sacred Heart Church, Rt. 1, Box 101, Konawa, OK 74849. To learn more, visit http://konawa.k12.ok.us/community/sacred_heart/sacred_heart_mission.html.

And, to all of the family members and friends who have lost loved ones this year – we have lost so many living cultural treasures. May God bless and carry you through your pain and heartache.
Lisa

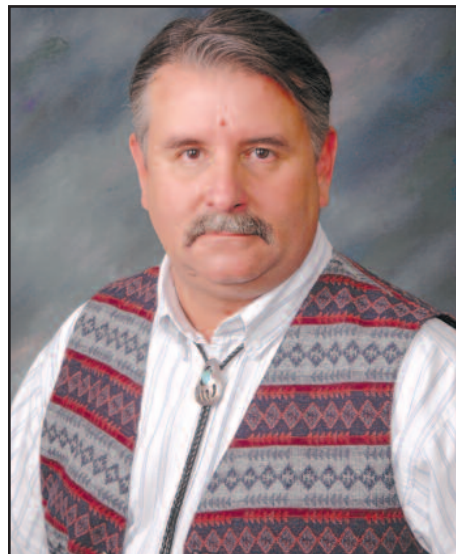
District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, Nikan,

By the time this article posts in the *HowNiKan*, we will have just wrapped another quarterly legislative meeting. Over the past years, we have seen the same grant proposals from many of our departments as they were sent through for approval. On the surface, this might seem boring, same-old-same-old. But, I find it quite interesting.

I know that these grants don’t just come down without strings attached. Follow-up reporting is required, explaining how the dollars were spent. Evidence is required to verify that the money is doing what it was expected to do and was not just spent, without regard for efficiency. I would like to add a little thanks to our finance people here, also. Often, when tribes re-apply, they are denied repeat use. For some of these tribes, it seems that’s enough. I cannot see ever developing a nation with this mentality.

The real pride comes from having an established relationship with the funding organization – a relationship that almost



guarantees re-funding. I believe that these funding branches of the government really want to fund tribes that show proper use and benefit from it. It hasn’t been all that uncommon for these federal departments to contact our tribe to let us know there is ei-

ther new or additional funding available and asking us to apply because they know that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will apply the money toward its intended use.

I often hear our department heads and our self-governance employees refer to personnel within funding departments of the federal government on a first-name basis. They have developed strong professional relationships.

These are a few of the things that remind me of why this isn’t boring. As a nation, we have prospered over the past 20 years or so. It didn’t come easy. We probably had to

work harder than other tribes to get here and maintain this status. Of course, the real reason goes without saying, but I am never bored by this because I am so proud of our nation and its ability to help our members.

Thank you so much for letting me serve for 14 years now – and hopefully many more. I appreciate your trust in me and will strive to never fail you in that trust.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Bama pi and migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

After a very short fall season, we will be headed into winter before we know it! As Christmas approaches, it leads me to think of family – those who are still with us and those who have walked on.

I am sure that many of you hear the words “You don’t look Indian.” One of my favorite lessons from our Chairman is to answer with “What does an Indian look like?” Then, pointing to himself, he says, “This is what an Indian looks like.”

One’s “Indianness” is not measured by the color of his hair, the color of her eyes. It is the blood that flows thru each of us that bonds us as Citizens of the Potawatomi Nation!

This leads me to think about our heritage, elders, ancestors, and those who have continued to keep our culture alive and pass on the knowledge to the future generations so our traditions can continue. How much of your family’s history do you know? Over the past few years I have learned some, and the more I learn, the more I long to learn more. I have no doubt that, as you talk to your elders, you will feel the same.

In addition, the CPN Tribal Heritage Project would like to interview you who are our tribal elders. This will insure that your family’s story will live on for future generations.



ations. Please contact me; I will be happy to make the arrangements to make this possible. You can reach me by e-mail at BBowden@Potawatomi.org or by calling CPN Headquarters at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880..

I am honored to represent you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Bobbi Bowden
District #13 Legislative Representative
BBowden@Potawatomi.org

Attention: CPN Veterans

I am a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training by certified VA services officers. If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

C. ‘Rowdy’ Yates - TVR/ODVA/VFW - A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

One of my favorite activities during the Holiday Season is the Christmas reception that the Nation sponsors for our employees. This year the date is December 16, and the location is the Cultural Heritage Center. The Christmas reception is not new to our employees. It has been a planned event for well over 25 years; therefore, the employees who have tenure with the Nation pretty much know what to expect. The special part of the reception is that the CPN local Legislators are welcome to attend and visit with each of our employee groups. The event may be a bit different in concept compared to what one might anticipate as a reception ... it lasts all of the work day.

Hosting approximately 1900 employees in a limited space is not a very easy undertaking. The employees must be divided by department or enterprise. The larger departments and enterprises are further divided into numbers that afford the employees and the legislators an opportunity to interact. Each legislator in attendance is encouraged to briefly address the groups. I must admit that the reception is rather time-consuming; but the benefit of getting to wish all the employees a Merry Christmas is very rewarding.

The schedule begins with the groups arriving at the Cultural Heritage Center early in the work day and continuing at 40 minute intervals until the last group leaves at 5:00 p.m. The day might seem a little long for the legislators who usually are standing most of the reception time, but at the conclusion of the day the sentiment is unanimous ... a remarkable event. What a great opportunity for our employees and Legislators to meet and greet one another!

Hopefully, the employees enjoy this activity as much as the legislators. Delicious refreshments are served, and dozens of cash door prizes and other prizes are given away. All employees have an equal chance for their names to be selected for the drawings. It is one more opportunity to celebrate the Christmas Season while showing the CPN



employees that the Nation cares.

I believe that this Christmas reception is a reflection of the caring and sharing philosophy of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as an employer. It is a practice that has changed through the years because of the number of employees. It has morphed from a Christmas dinner when our numbers were few to the current reception format. It is an effort by our administration and legislators to show our employees their importance to the Nation.

I enjoy bringing you messages that you might never have an occasion to know otherwise. I refer to these messages as tidbits of information from the massive operation that we have at the Nation. They are interesting and important to me, and I hope you appreciate them.

It is my fervent wish that, while we are celebrating the Holiday Season, we don't forget the true meaning of Christmas. I also wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May 2012 be productive in every aspect of your life.

As I convey to you often, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members are a true blessing to me.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello. My Friend),

Happy Holidays! I hope this Christmas season is a joyful time for each of you, full of celebration of family and faith. Each year I use this article in the *HowNiKan* to urge you to use the occasions of family dinners and the gathering of relatives to tell your family history so the next generation can learn and pass on what you told them to the next generation. Your family history is our tribe's history. They are one and the same. So here are a few reminders of our history if the grandkids press for some old history about the time before we came to Kansas. First thing to tell them, though, is "how." Not the straight-faced, hand-up-with-palm-facing-out word like a wooden Indian. Tell them "how" they are Potawatomi Indian.

The basis on which you are a Citizen Potawatomi Indian under our traditions and laws is described two ways: legal and traditional. It is based on your blood kinship to the original members of our tribe when it was recognized by the United States Congress in 1867. Congress recognized the new government, not the right to govern ourselves.

Those original Citizen Potawatomis who formed a new tribal government already had the sovereign right to define who the tribe's citizens were and how their future generations would be part of the tribe. The pre-existing status of our new tribe as a "sovereign government" was necessary to the United States because it was making a "treaty" with us.

Treaties between nations are the "highest form of the law" according to the United States Constitution. Both parties to a treaty are considered to be sovereign governments with the authority to bind the parties to the agreement to its conditions and requirements. So, the United States did not "grant" us sovereignty as a government in the Treaty of 1867. It recognized the sovereignty we already possessed as a tribal government.

In 1937, we were called the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma. In 1988 we renamed ourselves the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in an amendment to our Constitution and approved the requirement that you must have a parent on the rolls who is or was a blood relative of the original 1867 Citizen Potawatomi. This is how you



are an Indian under the law.

Potawatomi tradition says that you are a Potawatomi Indian if you are of Potawatomi blood and you use the language and culture as your own, live with the Tribe, and recognize the authority of its leadership and the boundaries of its lands.

Notice that neither of these definitions mentions the Bureau of Indian Affairs' artificial requirement of "blood degree," like a dog or horse carries pedigree papers. We don't recognize that. In fact, we challenge it as unlawful.

We decide who we are, not them. Anything else is an attempt to eliminate us as a tribe at some point in history. We know that our blood relatives are Potawatomi. Our grandmothers and grandfathers taught us that since ancient times.

Of course, the ancient Grandfathers and Grandmothers were also related by blood to the rest of the Potawatomi Indians who formed their own separate tribes in Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana, and the two groups, called First Nations, in Canada. Their history is as old as the first people on this continent. These people, along with the Ojibwa, Chippewa, and Ottawa tribes, have a blood kinship that makes them tribal relatives of an older, larger group called Nishnabe – "The People," who began migrating from the Newfoundland area approximately 68 generations ago - around 1100 A.D. They first came to Newfoundland, and left there to move south, because of the cold.

As we are seeing in the present day, the climate was changing in the "Great Circle

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of Life." Way before that time, there had been another "cycle," or "Ice Age," when the level of the ocean was much lower because a lot of the ocean's water was trapped in huge ice caps over the North and South poles. People could walk or take a small boat from Europe to Finland to Greenland to Canada. On the other side of "Turtle Island," as the Nishnabe called North America, Indians could walk or take a small boat between Siberia and Alaska.

Many people came across, fleeing the advancing ice caps, when they were stopped by other people from moving south in Asia or Europe. Then it became warm again, and the oceans rose. Greenland became actually green. Our settlements in Newfoundland grew as food became more plentiful.

The best place in the world to catch fish was off the shores of Newfoundland, and ancient people came there to fish from as far away as Portugal. They went ashore to dry their catch to preserve it. Some stayed there.

After our people came to North America on the ice, it warmed up again. So much so that people could live in Greenland and Newfoundland. It was "green" with a climate temperate enough to grow food. Many centuries later, it grew cold again and the Nishnabe started moving south along the Atlantic Ocean coast to the area of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Other tribes had also moved south and the pressure of the increased population on food and territory forced the Nishnabe to turn westward along the St. Lawrence River.

They reached Georgian Bay on Lake Ontario in about 1250 AD. There, the Nishnabe recognized three groups: The Bodewadmi (Potawatomi) - "The People of the Fire"; the Odawa (Ottawa) - "The People of the Trade"; and the Ojibwa (Chippewa) - "The People of the Faith." They formed the "Three Fires Council" and resolved to live in separate areas but remain as friends and family.

The Ojibwa went up and around the Great Lakes to Wisconsin to live where wild rice was available. The Ottawa went

south to live along the St. Lawrence River and pursue water-based trade and transportation. The Potawatomi crossed the river into Michigan where Walpole Island is now located. They located on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan.

The Nishnabe remained in these locations until the Great Beaver Wars of the early 1600s with the Iroquois Confederacy that lasted more than 100 years.

The Potawatomi allied with the French to drive back the Iroquois, and then with the English after the French were defeated. Both alliances were made to retain our homelands in Michigan and Illinois. Ultimately, we were driven out by war and disease, first to Council Bluffs, Iowa then to southeastern Kansas in 1838 after the US Congress passed President Andrew Jackson's cruel Indian Removal Act.

In just a few years, we were forced to move again to a reservation that was laid out from north of Mayetta, Kansas to south of Topeka, Kansas, about 30 miles by 30 miles. We only got to stay there for 25 years.

We purchased our reservation in Oklahoma for cash in 1867, took US citizenship, and tried to survive until we could get out of Kansas. In 1872, our kinfolks started moving by wagon and horseback to Oklahoma, where our Tribe is headquartered now.

My great-grandparents made the trip. I grew up hearing stories of it as a child. This Christmas, I hope to tell my grandchildren those same tribal stories, and many others that have happened since then.

Next issue of the *HowNiKan*, I will resume the description of our projects begun in the last issue. Please let me hear from you if you have some specifics you want me to include.

It is a great honor for me to serve as your elected Tribal Chairman. I thank you for your support and the help of the other members of our tribal government. Thank you, Neaseno, old friend. Merry Christmas.

Migwetch,
John Barrett/*Keweoge* - "He leads them home"

CPN member Mary Deathrage among the honorees **AARP Oklahoma Honors 50 Indian Elders**



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Mary Deathrage, center, was among 50 honorees at the 2011 AARP Indian Elder Honors held recently in Oklahoma City. Pictured (l-r): AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge, Mary Deathrage, AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, and AARP National Board Member Jack Penn.

(Oklahoma City, Okla.) – Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Mary Deathrage was among 50 Indian Elders from 37 tribes and nations recognized at the 2011 AARP Indian Elder Honors held recently at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Linguists, artists, ministers, educators, veterans, tribal and community leaders, and the first American Indian to receive a degree in Physics from the University of Oklahoma were among those celebrated.

Mary Deathrage is the granddaughter of one of the first Citizen Potawatomi families to settle in Oklahoma, Mary is a dedicated community volunteer. After retirement, she became a "Pink Lady" at United Health Center in Shawnee, where she currently serves as Auxiliary President.

Deathrage has accumulated more than 4,500 hours of volunteer service. She participates in a group that sings and ministers weekly to area nursing home residents, is a member of the Diamond K Kiwanis in Shawnee, and reads weekly at the Early Childhood Center.

She participated in fundraisers that resulted in the purchase of 600 books for the school so every child would have a new book to take home at the end of school. She

has also been involved with RSVP, worked with Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at the Santa Fe Depot Museum and the Oklahoma Blood Institute. Additionally, she is one of the pianists at her church. Her Potawatomi name is Mishkwelet, which means "Strong Spirited Woman."

AARP National Board Member John Penn was on hand at the event to deliver the keynote address and help present medallions, along with AARP Executive Vice President Hop Backus, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge, State Director Sean Voskuhl, and State President Marjorie Lyons.

Penn, whose great-great-grandmother was on the Trail of Tears, praised the honorees and noted AARP's commitment to work with diverse populations. He also reminded the audience of AARP Founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus' commitment to serving all older Americans.

Backus announced the launch of the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Navigator – a single point of entry website for Indian elder services that can be accessed at: www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator.

"We hope that this new website will be a place where an Indian Elder from any Okla-

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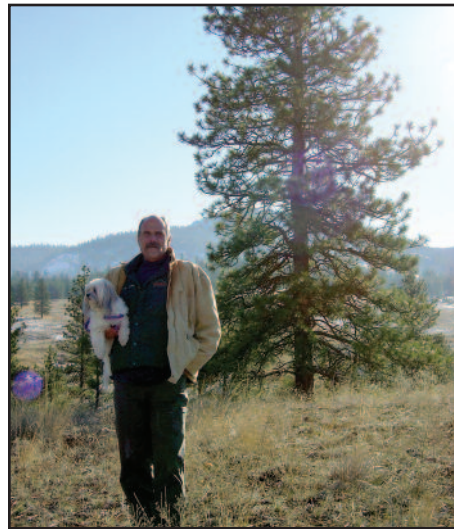
Greg has made everything from countertops to pools to foundations to patios. His specialty is residential, but he is no stranger to commercial projects.

Typically, Greg employs five people, in the economically-challenged West Coast area, where jobs are scarce. He enjoys concrete so much that he claims he will do masonry until he is physically unable. Greg has been touched by the stories about the victims of the earthquake in Japan. He has reached out to help rebuild. Because his products can be shipped anywhere, this can work out beautifully.

When Greg is asked what the favorite part of his work is, he says, "It is creating my customer's ideal finished product." He also said the highest compliment is he can receive is a referral or returned client. He once completed a project for one customer in a housing division, and the customer's neighbors were so impressed that he has since returned to do projects for all of them as well.

To expand his business, Greg began working with the CPCDC in 2008. He has been extremely pleased with his experience. Greg said, "The CPCDC is the greatest thing on the planet. Cindy Logsdon, Assistant Director of the CPCDC, has been nothing but professional and helpful." When asked if he would use the CPCDC again, his answer was a very quick "yes."

Eagle Rock can produce and ship your creation or you can choose from a selection of pre-cast products to complete your project. If you have a large job, Greg Craun will go to you to complete the project. If you have a concrete or block-type idea and don't know where to turn, call Greg Craun at 253-381-1081.



Greg Craun has built a solid business, Eagle Rock Masonry, in the scenic Pacific Northwest. He has received CPCDC assistance with expansion of Eagle Rock.

Whether you are expanding an existing business or are interested in starting a business, the CPCDC is here to help. The CPCDC can provide training, personalized business development coaching, and access to capital in the form a commercial loan. It is the vision of the CPCDC to "Enhance Financial Futures" and the organization also offers a variety of financial education programs.

To learn what the CPCDC can do for you, call 405-878-4697.

Seminole State College was the site for a statewide Economic Development Recognition Program hosted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson and college and university presidents and administrators from across the state joined business leaders being honored for their partnership efforts with higher education.

The Economic Development Partnership Recognition program honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma's workforce.



These photos show some of the top-quality work that Eagle Rock Masonry has performed.

Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation were among the honorees at the event.

The joint efforts of Seminole State College and the CPCDC have had a positive impact on the economic climate of Central Oklahoma, according to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback. The organizations' collective work has fostered the growth of existing businesses and assisted with the recruitment of new industries to the area.

The Rural Business and Resources Center at Seminole State College and the CPN's Community Development Corporation are both highly involved in two major economic development organizations - Oklahoma Southeast and Cross Timbers RC&D. The groups combine their efforts to create jobs and provide financing and other services to businesses throughout the southeast quadrant of the state.

The past year has seen continued success and growth for CPCDC and its clients. The organization made more than \$4.6 million in loans to 20 Native American-owned companies looking to start or grow their business. As a result, these firms were able



to create or retain more than 80 jobs.

SSC Rural Business and Resources Center Director Larry Smith said, "The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has been a constant resource for the College's economic development office. The two entities share information to assist clients and share ideas to provide economic stability to communities throughout their service area. Specifically, they have jointly worked on projects to create jobs in We-woka, Meeker, and Shawnee."

The tribe itself has also been a long-time supporter of Seminole State College. A large number of Citizen Potawatomi tribal members take classes at Seminole State, receiving financial support from the tribe to attend college. The tribe has also supported capital improvements on the Seminole State College campus through support of the SSC Educational Foundation.

CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps served as a Trustee on the Foundation board for many years.

"The partnership between Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has been extremely beneficial in economic and educational efforts. We are proud of our partnership and pleased that our joint efforts have been recognized by the State Regents," said SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.

To learn more about the Partnership Recognition Program visit www.okhighered.org/econo-dev.

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homa Indian Tribe can go to find the service or resource that best fits their need. We envision it as a "living room" of information for tribal elders," Backus said noting AARP will be working directly with tribal leaders and program directors on the project.

"It was a beautiful night to salute these Oklahoma Indian Elders," said AARP State President Marjorie Lyons. "AARP Oklahoma has pledged to continue working with Oklahoma Indians to understand their unique needs and find ways that the association can help them age with dignity."

In addition to CPN member Mary Deathrage, these accomplished American Indian elders were honored: Dr. Richard Allen (Cherokee); John Edwin Anderson (Chickasaw and Choctaw); Leola Barnett (Kialegee); Leaford Bearskin (Wyandotte); Mary Birdtail (Absentee Shawnee); George Blanchard (Absentee Shawnee); Jerry C. Bread (Kiowa); and Nora Cheek (Thlopthlocco).

Also, Hank Childs/Xla Xanje (Big Eagle) (Otoe-Missouria); Lena (Ellis) Pennock Clark (Sac and Fox); Judy Cobb (Modoc); Velma Coker (Seminole); Kenneth and Rita Coosewoon (Comanche); Barbara Kyser-Collier (Quapaw); Thomas W. Cooper (Chickasaw); Shirley Davilla

(Wichita & Affiliated Tribes); Judy C. Davis (Miami); Mary Lou Davis (Caddo); and John Daughtery Jr. (Eastern Shawnee).

Also, Dr. Charla Dawes (Ottawa); Thomas J. Dry (Choctaw); Jerry Haney (Seminole/Mvskoke); J.C. Elliott/High Eagle (Cherokee/Osage); Emmett 'Bud' Ellis (Peoria); Bill Glass Jr. (Cherokee); Sequoyah Guess (United Keetoowah); Georgie Honey (Shawnee) Nadean Hilliard (Seneca Cayuga); Benedict Kawaykla (Fort Sill Apache); Curtis Kekahbah (Kaw); and Curtis Kekahbah (Kaw).

Also, John Lee Kemble (Ponca); Gregg Klinekole Jr. (Apache); Charles A. Lone Chief Jr. (Pawnee); Ron Parker (Chickasaw); Harvey Phillip Pratt (Cheyenne & Arapaho); Thelma Lucile 'Chincie' Ross (Chickasaw); Victor Roubidoux (Iowa); Greta Haney Ruminer (Seminole); Martha Spotted Bear (Osage, Kaw, and Ponca Tribes); and Gene E. Tsatoke (Kiowa).

Also, Lawrence Wahpepah/Kee-Ka-Kee-Tha-Uh (Kickapoo); Betty War (Choctaw); Mary Watters (Delaware Tribe); Richard Ray Whitman (Mvskoke Muscogee (Creek)); Julian Q. Whorton (Kiowa); Rev. Donald Eugene 'Gene' Wilson (Choctaw) Videll Yackeschi (Comanche); and Winey Yargee (Alabama Quassarte).

CPN Housing Authority

One-Time Grant Program

The One-Time Closing Costs/Down Payment Grant Program has assisted many Citizen Potawatomi tribal members with funds to assist with down payments and/or closing costs associated with the purchase, construction, or refinancing of a home. All Citizen Potawatomi members are eligible for this grant one time in their lives – and one time only. The maximum amount is \$2,125.00. It is a grant, and it does not have to be repaid.

The criteria for the program are: the grant cannot be used for any type of mobile home; convicted felons or other household-member felons are ineligible; the home being purchased must be the CPN member's primary residence; and the tribal member's name must be on the loan.

The application must be completed thoroughly and the following submitted: • Copy of borrower's CPN membership card • Copy of the "Good Faith Estimate" from lender • Income verification for all household members (the last three-to-four pay stubs or if with the same employer for several years the last two years of tax returns) • Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.). The application and support information must be in the CPN Housing Authority office at least three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at SByers@Potawatomi.org.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Trae Trousdale, right, had an opportunity to indulge his favorite pursuit -politics- recently during a visit to Washington, D.C. Trae and his grandmother, Cherie Trousdale, met with U.S. Rep. James Lankford (Rep.-Oklahoma City), literally in the halls of Congress. Trae is a seventh-grader at Tecumseh Middle School.

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prises.

Mosteller said that the 1861 treaty was historic in that it set up one of the earliest efforts in allotting tribal land to individual tribal members. And, it included that path to U.S. citizenship for Citizen Potawatomis, 63 years before American Indians attained U.S. citizenship generally.

In an academic paper on the treaty, Mosteller wrote, "The treaty marked the official separation of the Potawatomi people into the Citizen Band, who sought to own their land in severalty, and the Prairie Band, who wanted to continue to live on land held by the band in common."

The treaty was signed on November 15, 1861 at their (the Potawatomis') agency on the Kansas River, in Shawnee County, Kansas. The treaty stipulated that they (the Potawatomis) "shall cease to be members of said tribe, and shall become citizens of the United States; and thereafter the lands so patented to them shall be subject to levy, taxation, and sale, in the like manner with the property of other citizens."

Indeed, those Potawatomis who accepted



the treaty terms and thus became known as the Citizen Band Potawatomi endured a later decade-long period in which the U.S. government viewed them not as an Indian tribe but as individual citizens with a dual - Indian and United States - nature. Perseverance and Citizen Potawatomi leaders' ability to interpret and argue the details of their treaty and the Dawes Act of 1887 led to recognition of tribal government status and enhancement of tribal members' allotment sizes and locations once significant numbers of Citizen Potawatomis had moved to Indian Territory.

Potawatomi Cornerstone

by Charles Clark/Tribal Rolls Director

Porte des Mortes: Death's Door

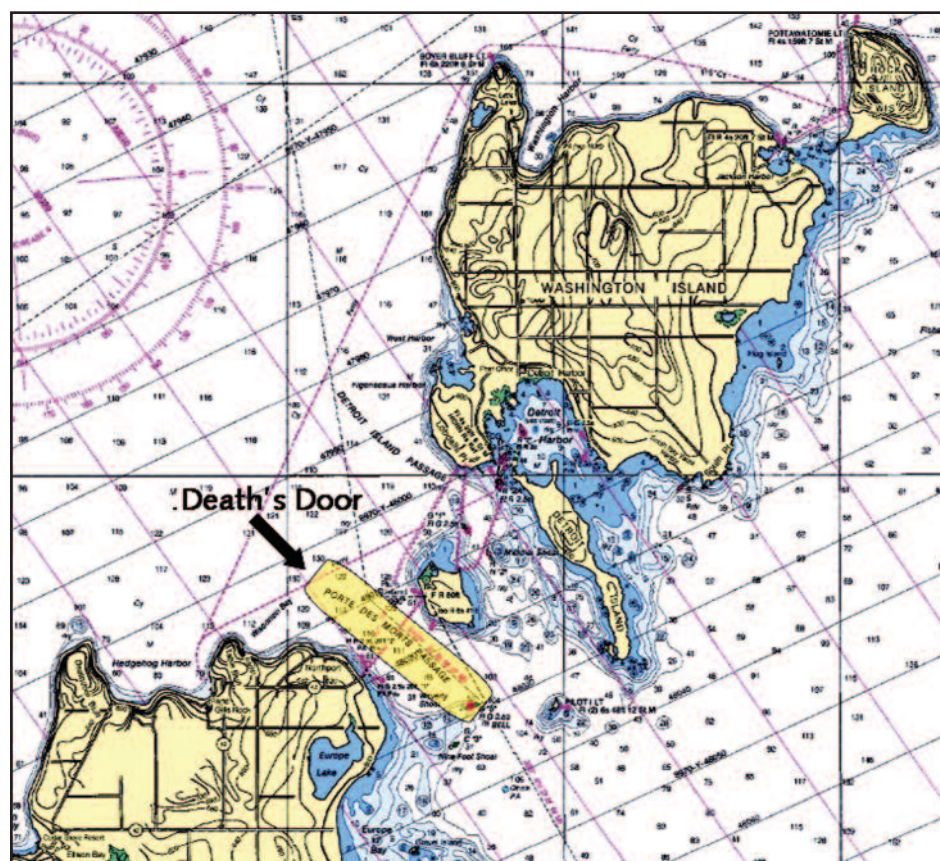
The Porte des Morts is the six-mile wide strait linking Green Bay and Lake Michigan, between the northern tip of the Peninsula of Door County, Wisconsin and an archipelago known as the Potawatomi Islands. As the largest, Washington Island was known as Wassekiganeso, an Ojibwa name that translates to "His Breast is Shining." The name referred to the reflection of the sun off the limestone cliffs on Plum Island, Detroit Island, Hog Island, Pilot Island, and Rock Island.

The Potawatomi name for Death's Door is translated as Mboshawadem. It is unknown what the other tribes called the strait. However, resources indicate they had a similar meaning for the area. French explorers picked up on the name and called it the same thing because of the treacherous currents and unpredictable wave action. People navigating through the area often found the passage unnerving; frequent and oppressive fog made the passage hazardous, extremely lonely, and forbidding. The passage claimed many lives, First Nations and Europeans alike, as the name suggests.

One of the earliest European explorers to navigate through these dangerous waters was Jean Nicolet in 1635, when he visited the area with fellow traders and missionaries. Nicolet first arrived in Quebec in 1618, as a clerk and to train as an interpreter for the Compagnie des Marchands, a trading monopoly owned by members of the French aristocracy. Oddly enough, he died in 1642, drowning in the St. Lawrence River in Sillery, near Quebec City, when his boat overturned in a storm.

Among the earliest known inhabitants of the Islands were the Potawatomi. They lived on the islands because they provided ideal protection against their enemies. One theory for the origin of the name comes from a battle between the Potawatomi and the Winnebago in the 1650s.

When the Winnebago migrated to the region from the southwest, the Potawatomi initially offered to share the land with them. However, the Winnebago, who were more numerous, pushed the Potawatomi off the peninsula and onto the Islands.



The Winnebago were set to cross the strait and take the islands as well. But, before they could, the Potawatomi devised their own plan by sending three scouts to locate the Winnebago's encampment and light a signal fire at a safe landing zone, so the Potawatomi could attack from the Winnebago's rear.

Unfortunately, the scouts were caught and tortured. Two of them died with their secrets, but the third revealed the plan. The Winnebago devised a two-pronged attack; 1) they would place a signal fire at a high bluff giving no place for the Potawatomi to land and 2) they would send out war canoes in a roundabout fashion, circling the Potawatomi war party and attacking it from behind. That would leave no escape exit for the Potawatomi. From there, the Winnebago would be free to move in on the islands and attack the Potawatomi villages that would no doubt have been left defenseless.

When the Potawatomi war party left the islands, the weather was relatively calm. But, as they neared the peninsula, the weather had taken a turn for the worse with

a strong north wind and rough waters. Unable to turn back, they continued, thinking that the vanguard had set the signal fire in a safe landing place.

When the Potawatomi arrived, the Winnebago attacked from the safety of the high ledges, raining down arrows and spears. Unable to defend themselves, the Potawatomi tired to retreat but, because of the turbulent waters, many of the canoes began crashing into the rocks and capsizing, setting the Potawatomi in them adrift. Many drowned.

Some Potawatomi made it to a small ledge above the waves, but a large number of Winnebago jumped onto the ledge and continued to fight with tomahawks until a large wave took them all.

The Winnebago, who had set out in canoes earlier, never made it to the battle or attacked the islands. They were never seen again, and are presumed to have drowned.

Later that day, remnants of the Winnebago war party's canoes washed up on the shore. The Winnebago took this as an omen, and never crossed the strait over to

the islands. For them, it was the doorway to death. And it is there that the legend of the Door of Death supposedly began.

History does not tell us when the early French explorers translated the Ojibwa word for "Door of Death" into Porte des Morte. But in the fall of 1872 alone, more than 100 large vessels were stranded or damaged passing through the "Door." In 1880, about 30 boats were driven ashore at Plum Island.

Today, with modern boats, weather forecasting, accurate charts, and the United States Coast Guard stationed on Washington Island, Death's Door does not prove to be such a threat to anyone anymore.

Attention CPN Veterans

All Citizen Potawatomi Nation veterans are encouraged to contact Stacy Coon at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Stacy's contact information is Stacy.Coon@Potawatomi.org, 405-275-3121, or 800-880-9880.

We would like to ensure that Stacy and, therefore, Veterans Organization members know when CPN veterans have been hospitalized or have experienced a death in the family. This allows us to respond more quickly and appropriately to that veteran's needs.

Additionally, please ensure that Stacy and the Veterans Organization have current contact information for you.

Finally, you can remain current on all activities and news of the CPN Veterans Organization's activities at our website: www.CPNVeterans.org.

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CPN legislator named to Kansas Commission on Children & Youth

A Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame of Topeka, Kansas, has been appointed to the Kansas Commission on Children and Youth by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback. Rep. Adame says the process leading to her appointment began during a visit to the Governor's office in April of this year "I spoke with Gov. Brownback's appointment secretary," Rep. Adame said. "We discussed what I do for the tribe and in my employment. Because we were discussing another matter, I was surprised to receive a call asking if I would consider an appointment to this position."

Adame earned Kansas State Senate approval of her appointment and signed her oath of office early in November, just in time to attend her initial Commission meeting on November 3, 2011.

Adame said, "I want to share some information about the program as I am sure many of you are not aware that it exists. It is under the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The mission is to promote the functional skills of young persons in Kansas who have a disability or chronic health condition."

Each application for assistance the Commission on Children and Youth offers is individually reviewed. Adame added a brief explanation: "Kansas residents under the age of 22 years with a medical condition such as spina bifida, cleft palate, craniofacial anomalies, juvenile arthritis, and genetic and metabolic conditions can apply."

The financial guideline for prospective assistance recipients is that the applicant's family must have an income no greater than 185% of the federal poverty level. For example, for a family of four, the income cannot be more than \$40,793.00 annually. There is a sliding income scale posted on the Commission's website.



CPN District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame

The program enrolls those families which have too large an income to qualify for Medicaid but have a child with a special need.

"As a commissioner, my job is to approve or deny special requests, along with seven other commissioners on the board," Adame said. "These items are things that might not be covered by Medicaid or private insurance and are not covered as part of the Special Health Care program. Some examples of these would be car seats, generators, standers, and transfer boards."

Rep. Adame says that her hope is that she "can make more of our Citizen Potawatomi Nation members aware of this and other programs that they might be able to take advantage of."

For more information, please e-mail Theresa Adame, CPN Kansas Representative, at TAdame@Potawatomi.org, call 785-861-7272, or check out the Kansas Department of Health website at www.kd-hcks.gov/cyshcn/index.htm.

New Classes at the Cultural Heritage Center



The Cultural Heritage Center is happy to announce a series of classes beginning in January! Have you always wanted to enter the arena during Grand Entry in beautiful regalia? Would you like to learn techniques to make one-of-a-kind arts and crafts for yourself or a loved one? You will be able to find something that will fit your needs in our spring sessions.

We will offer a number of classes showing attendees how to make their own regalia including: Shawls, Ribbon-Work Appliqué (for a skirt or shawl), Men's Ribbon Shirts, Women's Blouses, Head Roaches, and more. Other courses we plan to offer in the spring include Wood Spoon-Carving, Gourd Painting, Moccasin-Making, Beading, the Basics of Genealogy, etc.

Interest in cultural activities has been building for years. We hope to foster this desire to learn and create an environment that will reinvigorate a sense of community and pride in our Potawatomi culture. Throughout the fall, the CHC was privileged to host activities that included a poetry reading and The Artists' Hour, at which community members gathered to work on projects of their own interests in an atmosphere of creativity and support.

Staff at the CHC also facilitated meetings of a more culturally intimate nature, such as monthly Women's Teachings during the full moon. We will continue to offer these opportunities and more during the spring.

The classes will be free and open to the public, but students will be responsible for purchasing their own supplies for projects that require materials. Please call the CHC at 405-878-5830 to RSVP. Which is encouraged but not required, and to get the list of supplies you will need for class. Visit www.PotawatomiHeritage.org and click on Calendar to view upcoming classes.

YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

Due to privacy concerns, CPN legislators are not routinely given your street addresses. So, you as CPN citizens need to reach out to them! If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail the legislator's e-mail address.

Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

You can find your legislator's address and e-mail address at www.Potawatomi.org/Government/Legislature/default.aspx/.

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J.B. Pearl Sales & Service celebrates 50 years

St. Marys family continues serving farmers

by Frank J. Buchman - Special to the Topeka, Kansas Capital-Journal

Knowledge plus service equals success. It is a formula insisted on from day one by J.B. Pearl, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. It has been a half-century since the St. Marys, Kansas farmer and his wife, Eileen, worked side-by-side advising and helping their neighbors increase Kaw Valley crop profitability.

J.B. Pearl Sales and Service Inc. still is family-owned and -operated as a full-service agribusiness serving farmers in a 100-mile radius of St. Marys. J.B. Pearl Sales and Service Inc. celebrate its 50th anniversary and showed appreciation to its customers at a supper and program on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the old armory in St. Marys.

"Dad and Mom needed something to supplement their farm. Dad saw a need to custom-apply anhydrous ammonia, which was still fairly new to the area as nitrogen fertilizer," said Doyle Pearl, who grew up in the business with his two brothers and two sisters. Today, Doyle and his brother, Don, their wives, Laura and Patty, and their sons continue the family business that vaguely resembles the humble start in 1961.

"Shortly after dad started, he added liquid fertilizer, and we've continued to adjust and change as new products and technology have become available," Doyle said. "Our children and their cousins grew up in the company, too, and played 'J.B. Pearl Fertilizer,' while other kids were playing school."

"It was really sad for all of us when J.B. passed away three years ago," Laura said. "We still think about him and what he'd do in different situations that come up in the business," Doyle said.

Eileen is in good health, lives nearby, and has an interest in the livelihood of the corporation, in which she played an important part in its origin, development, and continuation.

What never has changed is J.B. Pearl's business model, said Doyle, who is president of the Ag Retailers Association. "We focus on educating ourselves with knowledge that we pass on to our customers," he said. "Plus, we continue to work hard to provide the best service we can, just like Dad and Mom trained us."



It been a half century since J.B. Pearl started helping his neighbors apply fertilizer, and there been lots of changes in agriculture since then. But, from that meager beginning, J.B. Pearl Sales and Services Inc. has survived and thrived as a family-owned, full-service agribusiness. From left, O.J., Patty, Don, Doyle, Laura and Troy Pearl are the second and third generations of the business started in 1961. (FRANK J. BUCHMAN/SPECIAL TO THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL)

J.B. Pearl Sales and Service has been a diverse enterprise. At one point, construction of farm storage structures was a key part of the business. Doyle was in charge of that phase. "Although building grain bins seemed to complement our company, it became a conflict when structures were being put up at the same time we needed to be applying fertilizer and chemicals," Doyle said. "So, we dropped that division, and I started scouting crop fields to evaluate what was needed and how effective applications worked."

Don always has been the one in charge of shop work, maintaining equipment so it operated at peak efficiency in the field when the time came. "Weather conditions often determine when we work, so our success depends on Don having machinery ready to go," Doyle said.

Of course, weather patterns are uncontrollable, but other vast variations in nutrient and crop additive requirements can be controlled, at least to a point, with modern technology.

Global positioning systems, known as

GPS, are a satellite-based operation used in testing soils. Geographic information systems, or GIS, analyze and compile the data for each farm field variation. Ag Leader and Greenseeker programs are used for maximum efficiency with auto-steer and light-bars installed on sprayers for hands-free steering and accurate nutrient and crop care additive placement.

The intent is to help farmers manage their business by lowering costs to operate efficiently and grow higher-yielding crops with more money in their pockets when finished.

To better serve the area, Pearl's now also has a location at Perry, Kansas. "We offer the same services out of there as we do here," Doyle said.

The present location on K-24 highway at the west edge of St. Marys has served the corporation since shortly after it was formed. However, there have been many renovations in that time. "Our office was a trailer house for many years," Laura said.

A three-year expansion plan is under way, including bulk seed storage, a larger

maintenance shop and facilities to house more dry fertilizer. The bulk seed storage has been completed with four large seed bins. The new facility also includes fully automated seed treatment.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority

The staff of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority invites you to visit their office at 44007 Hardesty Road, three miles east of the CPN Administration Building.

Get in-depth information on all of the Housing Authority's programs to help place Citizen Potawatomi members in better-quality housing.

Call 405-273-2833 or 800-880-9880 or contact the Housing Authority via e-mail at recarried@Potawatomi.org.

CPN membership surpasses 30,000**Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes its 233 newest members**

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These new members, listed alphabetically by surname, were granted Citizen Potawatomi Nation membership at the November 30, 2011 session of the CPN Legislature. As of December 13, 2011, CPN membership has surpassed 30,000, at 30,005.

Ladonna Louise Adams, Brooks Allen Ait Ahmed, Bryant Zachary Ait Ahmed, Benjamin Zayd Ait Ahmed, Carol Jean Ahmed, Jennifer Lu Alekson, Nicholas James Anderson, Ryan Christopher Anderson, Stephanie Brooke Anderson, Kala Rancee Andrews-Warman, Bradley Don Archer, Bobby Eugene Baldrige, Eddie DeWayne Baldrige, Eddieson Chandler Dewayne Baldrige, Gary Gene Baldrige Jr, Havana Star Baldrige, Jeffery Lee Baldrige, Jalee Gail Baldrige, Michael Leroy Baldrige, Sheridan Noel Baldrige, and Wanda Sue Baldrige.

Also, Robin Renee Baumgartel, Erica Marie Pergeson Beaver, Allen James Bennett, Kaisyn Reid Bergin, Jacques Earl Blackman, Jeremy Dale Bohanon, Liam Joseph Bonebrake, Tiffanie Rancee Bonham, Juston Lee Bonham, Virgil Lee Bonham Jr, Jayden Skyler Bradley, Jenny Leona Branson, Jennifer Lynn Branson, Theresa Ann Bree, Michael Louis Brice, Dakota Ross Bromagem, Mackinley Auston Brown, Kathy Jo Burklin, John Emitt Burklin, and Val William Byers.

Alo, Craig Alan Carbrey, Ella Maidean Castillo, Jose Felipe Castillo Jr, Nico Lynn Castillo, James Alonzo Chancellor, Emily Nicole Chandler, Sean Patrick Chandler, Gloria Mae Chase, Drake Vincent Clapp, Jared Timothy Clapp, Drew Aaron Cooper, Brake Steven Corbin, Laura Blaze Corbin, Steven Clint Corbin, Elizabeth Christine Crossno, Emmalee Elizabeth Crossno, Chad Arther Crow, Chad Arther Crow Jr, Catherine Mary Jo Crowe, David Alan Crowe, Aydan Fredenburg Cruzaley, Erick Terrill Dean, Theodore Joseph Dean, Frankie Lea Delatorre, Olivia Marie Delatorre, Dale Evans Delcours, Matthew Scott Delcours, Penelope Rose Demarest, Yumi Josephine Dykstra, Abbiegail Michelle Earhart, Alyna Christine Earhart, Jeffrey Dean Earhart, Carmelo Seth Espinoza, Tristian Denise Espinoza, James William Evans IV, and Michelle Christine Evans.

Also, Joseph Peter Fallon, Mary Elizabeth Fallon, Thomas Joseph Fallon, Kayelin Rae Fant, Nathan Perry Fant, Jesse Dylan Ford, Asher Gryffin Knox Garrett, Kameron Lee Garrett, Amber Dawn Gilbert, Jim Riley Goodin IV, Haleigh Wynter Green, Kason Michael Green, Kenneth Christian Green, Madilynn Alexis Green, Neely Gabrielle Guest, Ellen Katherine Hamood, Mary Elizabeth Harlan, Lindsey Ann Harper, Haleigh Elaine Harris, Madison Paige Harris, Tenzlie Madyson Jade Hogans, Matthew Blake Holder, Anastasia Elizabeth Howell, Emma Irene Howell, Hannah Christine Howell, Luke Stephen Howell, Caleb Patrick Hubble, Braden Scott Hurst, Makayla Rae Hurst, Riley Titan Hurst, and Sarah Ann Hurst.

Also, Brett Scott Jackson, Colton McKay Jackson, Cason Drew Johnson, Tyler Carmichael Jackson, Larry Scott Johnson III, Stormie Sky Johnson, Tabitha Jean Johnson, Gregory Paul Kensbock, Addison Elizabeth LeClaire, Hunter Michael LeClaire, Lauren Ann LaClair, Cason James Lannan, Abel Richard Lewis-Moran, Makayla Brinlee Logan, Gregory Paul Mainey, Leo Christopher Martin, Piper Dale Martin, Felecia Elaine Martinez, Jordan Alejandro Martinez, Joe Boot Matthew, Khloe Lynn McCalip-Smith, Zoey Nicole McCalip-Smith, Trevor Kenneth McCorkindale, Christopher Dean McGee, Marsha Sue McPheeters, Connor Layne Melott, Glenn Stewart Mesaros, Dakota Garrett Miller, Ricky Edward Misner Jr, Edward Bobby Nicolas Montantes III, Sarah Rose Moore, Zoey Ann Morrison, Lilee Rae Mulanax, Chase Christopher Musser, and Mary Ann Myers.

Also, Alex Rob Nickeson, David W. Orr, Cassandra Marie Pastrano, Lyric Olivia Pastrano, Ashley Anne Paxton, Colton Ellis Peddicord, Isabella Faye Peddicord, Michael Douglas Peltier, Anthony Lucas Petros, Nicholas Lee Petros, Brianna Renae Phelps, Cheylla Pheonix Phelps, Sierra Honey Phelps, Taylor Mackenzie Pierce, Kylan Preslee Pope, Joshua David Potts, Jacqueline Paige Pradmores, Maddison Leann Prideaux, Phillis Louise Radcliff, Madison Ann Reese, Megahn Marilyn Reese, Mary Jo Janette Ribar, James Robert Roach III, Saul Alexander Roberts, Sydne Danielle Roberts, Macy Kate Robertson,

Molly Grace Robertson, Casey Ryan Rush, Joshua Tyler Rush, Margaret Raynel Rush, and Robert Harry Rush.

Also, Caleb Jaydon Saddoris, Leah Marie Saddoris, Talen Henessy Saddoris, Vicente Antonio Sainz, Ian Cole Samilton, Drake DeDios William Sanchez, Tianna Starr Seits, Robert Joseph Severson, Jacobi Uriah Sharpe, Major Kellen Sharp, Tristlyn L'Belle Sharpe, Terry Jesse Shelton, Jayce Michael Simmons, Jordan Leinacker Simmons, Linda Faye Simms, Marchelle Marie Simms, Nesa Marie Simms, Ricky Allen Simms, Brittany Ann Simonson, Christine Jeanne Simonson, Isaiah Peyton Smith, Mary Joan Spencer-Boehne, Misty Ann Stevens, Marian Mellissie Stewarts, Angela Jean Stockton, Austin Tanner Stockton, Gunner Ryen Stockton, Margie Lynn Stockton, Terry Lee Stockton, Hannah Elizabeth Summer, and Wade Harrison Summer.

Also, Michelle Rae Taylor, Dennis Lester Thompson, J.D. Isaac Thompson, Jessica Leanne Thompson, Arren Robert Todack, Shartell Marie Todack, Addison Lane Toyne, Tanner Ashton Tredick, Amber Leanne Turner, Steven Daniel Turner, Dusty Wayne Usher, Elizabeth W. Usher, Daniela Yvette Valencia, Rickey Leland Von de Veld, Tyler Jeffrey Walsh, Mark Anthony Warman, Brandy Nicole Washia, Isabel Zoe Welch, Grayson Gage White-Moore, Cody Wade Whitlow, Walter Carter Whitlow, Carley Elizabeth Williams, Collin Wade Williams, Kara Elaine Williams, Kevin Ryan Williams, Sandra Loraine Williams, Abraham Warren Wilson, and Mylee Delray Yoder.

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**Jessica Mayfield posted 3.97 GPA
CPN member earns
UCO academic award**

The University of Central Oklahoma has named Jessica Schimmel Mayfield, a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, as Class Marshal of the College of Education and Professional Studies. During Central's Fall 2011 Commencement ceremonies on December 17 at the university's Hamilton Field House, Mayfield was recognized for her academic excellence.

Mayfield, an early childhood education major, earned the Class Marshal title for achieving the highest academic record within the College of Education and Professional Studies during her time at Central. Mayfield will represent her college with a 3.97 GPA.

She plans to continue her education at Central to obtain a master's degree and raise her future family in rural Oklahoma. "Central has the feel of a small institution while offering many opportunities to grow and learn," said Mayfield. "I have really enjoyed my time at this great university."

Mayfield is a member of the Southern Early Childhood Association, the Student Oklahoma Education Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Beta, and Sigma Kappa Delta. She is a recipient of the Broncho Merit Scholarship.

First presented in the fall of 1994, the Class Marshal title has become a Central tradition, and each of the Class Marshals wears special stoles during the fall commencement ceremonies, signifying the highest degree of academic excellence.

Tribal Area Gathering - Rossville, Kansas

Jenny Hudson and Joan Winters, RN-BSN, were on-hand at the Rossville meeting to give flu shots to attendees. Joan is the registered nurse for Rossville and the surrounding area.



Barbara DeGraff Smith and her friend Darlen Kerley brought art work to donate to the Nation. Barbara is a member of the Navarre/DeGraff family.

Orville Denton and daughter Denise Settle are descendants of the Boursaw family.



Leslie Deer and Curtis Grant recorded the oral histories of several Citizen Potawatomi families. Both are employees of the Cultural Heritage Center, where Curtis works as the Production Manager and Leslie is his assistant.



Ed Brunin and Annie watch intently while Chairman John Barrett prepares to smudge the room. Ed resides in Eudora, Kansas and is a member of the Bertrand family.

FireLake Gift Shop Manager, Penny Coates and Alex Pappas admire artwork from the gift shop. Alex is from Lawrence, Kansas and is a descendant of the Schroepfer family. Penny is a proud member of the Bourbonnais family.



Sisters Kathy McDonald of Topeka and Joan Hrenchir of Berryton, Kansas are descendants of the Juneau/Vieux family.

Sisters Jeanie Combs of Holton, Kansas and Lisa Trammel of Silver Lake, Kansas are descendants of the Navarre/DeGraff families.



Marjorie Guerich, pictured with her daughter, received a Pendleton blanket for being the eldest in attendance. She is 89 years old and a member of the Slavin family.

Sandy (far right) and Dan Bentch and Sandy's sister Barbara Holder (third from left) sit with other Boursaw family descendants.





Legislators Theresa Adame of Topeka, Kansas and Paul Schmidtkofer of Shawnee, Oklahoma help register CPN tribal members and their guests for the meeting.



Legislator Roy Slavin posed with CPN Language instructor Justin Neely.



These CPN veterans stayed after the meeting to have their picture taken. They are: (front) Jerry Pearl, Raymond Martin, District #1 Legislator Roy Slavin, and Leon Everett and (back row) Richard Ketterman, Lyman Boursaw, Oklahoma Legislator David Barrett, Jon Boursaw, Leroy Hull, and Hurb Adams.

Sr. Virginia Pearl traveled the longest distance and was presented a Pendleton bag by Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Sister Virginia is from Great Bend, Kansas.



Four CPN Legislators attended: Reps. Roy Slavin of Kansas City, Missouri, District #1; Paul Schmidtkofer of Oklahoma, District #12, Theresa Adame of Topeka, Kansas, District #4; and David Barrett of Oklahoma, District #10.



Chairman John Barrett poses with the youngest enrolled member present, Lilee Rae Mulanax, 3 months old, of Emmett, Kansas. She and her father Levi Mulanax are descendants of the Levier family.

Rep. Roy Slavin of Kansas City, Missouri takes some time to visit with brothers Lyman and Jon Boursaw, both of Topeka, Kansas.



Keegan Emery of Salina, Kansas kneels between her twin brothers Sean and Jacob.



Chairman John Barrett displays Barbara Degraff Smith's artwork, which was donated to be placed in the Cultural Heritage Center.

CPN construction progress leaps ahead

Work on a plethora of construction projects is making strong headway. At upper left, we see two views of the new First national Bank branch, located near the CPN Administration Building. Below them are views of work on installation of traffic signal lights at Heritage Drive and Gordon Cooper. Coupled with new traffic lights at the Gordon Cooper and Hardesty Drive intersection, this project will significantly increase traffic safety and improve traffic flow. The other photos show that work on the CPN's new six-diamond softball/baseball complex has rounded the corner and headed for home. The top photo shows the top-quality concession stand/announcer booth. The middle photo offers a view of the home plate/dugout area from deep left field of one field. The other provides a behind-home plate perspective of one of the diamonds.



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